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Waste Management Opens Largest Medical Waste Processing Facility in California

Pending Gold LEED® certification

Vernon, Calif. , June 10, 2010 – WM Healthcare Solutions, Inc., a subsidiary of Waste Management, Inc. (NYSE: WM), today held a grand opening event at its new 13,700-square foot medical waste processing facility in Vernon, California, the largest of its kind in the state.

The LEED-certified facility is situated on 2.3 acres of land and can process up to 100 tons of medical waste per day (five tons per hour). The autoclave facility will eventually employ up to 70 people and will manage medical waste generated from hospitals and other healthcare waste-generating facilities from Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties.

The WM Healthcare Solutions facility in Vernon is the largest permitted medical waste processing facility in California. It will also be the only LEED-certified medical waste processing facility in the United States.

“The building was designed and constructed to significantly reduce its impact on natural resources, maximize efficiency, and create a high-quality work environment for its staff,” said Mike Archer, general manager of WMHS. LEED – which stands for leadership in energy and environmental design – ensures that a building will have an integrated design and construction process that enhances resource efficiency, waste reduction, community connectivity, and occupant health and comfort.

Archer added, “The opening of this facility will allow us to offer a wide range of waste options to hospitals and healthcare providers in southern California, including disposal of trace chemotherapy, pathological, hazardous, medical, pharmaceutical and sharps waste. As well, the resources of WM Healthcare Solutions can handle the recycling of papers, organics, plastics, glass, light bulbs, batteries and electronic waste. Our goal is not only to service medical waste disposal needs, but also to help healthcare facilities significantly reduce waste and help manage the economic, operational, social and environmental impacts of those materials post consumption.”

About Waste Management and WM Healthcare Solutions

Waste Management, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more information about Waste Management, visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

WM Healthcare Solutions, Inc. (WMHS) is a subsidiary of Waste Management, Inc. that provides a complete range of sustainable and cost-effective managed waste and environmental solutions specifically designed for the healthcare industry. WMHS aims to be the single source provider of operational and consulting services required to handle the healthcare industry's complex waste streams from compliance, safety, and risk assessment to in-house operational logistics, market assessment, and collection and processing for a variety of waste streams. To learn more information about WM Healthcare Solutions, visit www.healthcare.wm.com.

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