

WASTE MANAGEMENT INC

Form 8-K

January 31, 2005

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 28, 2005

Waste Management, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	1-12154 (Commission File Number)	73-1309529 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
1001 Fannin, Suite 4000 Houston, Texas (Address of Principal Executive Offices)		77002 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone number, including area code: (713) 512-6200

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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On January 28, 2005, the Board of Directors of Waste Management, Inc. (the Company) elected Thomas H. Weidemeyer as a director of the Company. Mr. Weidemeyer has been named a member of the Company's Nominating & Governance Committee and its Compensation Committee. Mr. Weidemeyer was not elected pursuant to any arrangement or understanding between him and any other persons. A copy of the press release issued by the Company on Monday, January 31, 2005, announcing the election of Mr. Weidemeyer, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99	Press Release dated January 31, 2005.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

Date: January 31, 2005

By: /s/ Rick L Wittenbraker
Rick L Wittenbraker
Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and
Chief Compliance Officer

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99	Press Release dated January 31, 2005