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WASTE MANAGEMENT RECEIVES RECOGNITION FROM U.S. EPA FOR LANDFILL GAS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

*California landfill gas to liquid natural gas project acknowledged for excellence
in innovation and creativity*

HOUSTON, January 13, 2010 – Waste Management, Inc., the largest waste services and recycling company in North America, was recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) at the EPA's 13th annual Landfill Methane Outreach Program Conference Project Expo for its landfill gas to liquid natural gas project at the Altamont Landfill in Livermore, California.

The project, a joint venture with Linde North America, part of The Linde Group, a leading global gases and engineering company, produces clean, renewable vehicle fuel at its facility located at the Altamont Landfill near Livermore, California and is the world's largest landfill gas (LFG) to liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant.

The plant, which Linde built and operates, purifies and liquefies landfill gas that Waste Management collects from the natural decomposition of organic waste in the landfill. The plant is designed to produce up to 13,000 gallons of LNG a day – enough to fuel 300 of Waste Management's 485 LNG waste and recycling collection vehicles in twenty California communities.

“The Altamont LFG-to-LNG facility enables us to recover and utilize a valuable source of clean energy in another practical way, reducing our dependence on fossil fuels. Conventional LNG is already a clean-burning and economically viable alternative fuel for our collection trucks,” said Paul Pabor, vice president for Waste Management's Renewable Energy Group. “The ability to use recovered landfill gas to fuel our hauling fleet offers significant environmental benefits to the communities we serve in California and is a great example of how we are committed to recovering resources in waste.”

Waste Management is continually exploring new technologies and services to generate renewable energy from waste. LFG-to-LNG is a promising technology that complements Waste Management's other waste services in the areas of recycling, landfill operations, landfill gas-to-energy and waste-to-energy technology. The LFG-to-LNG technology being deployed by Linde and Waste Management at Altamont has high potential to be implemented at other landfills across North America.

Another landfill gas to energy project, the University of New Hampshire's Eco-Line Project, was recognized by the EPA. Waste Management's Turnkey Landfill supplies landfill gas to the University which provides up to 85 percent of the five million square-foot campus' electricity and heating needs.

Together with Waste Management's other renewable energy projects, this joint venture will contribute to the company's ongoing corporate sustainability goals, including investing in emerging technologies for managing waste, increasing fuel efficiency of its fleet by 15 percent and reducing fleet emissions by 15 percent by 2020.

About Waste Management

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Our subsidiaries provide collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. We are also the largest residential recycler and a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy facilities in the United States. Our customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

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