POPE JOHN C Form 4 January 19, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * POPE JOHN C

(First) (Middle)

1001 FANNIN, SUITE 4000

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

WASTE MANAGEMENT INC [WMI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/15/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(City) (State) (Zip)

> 5. Amount of 3. 4. Securities

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Securities

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date** Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise Code Securities Acquired any

7. Title and Amoun

Underlying Securiti

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Share
Stock Units (1)	\$ 0	01/15/2005		A		2,693.6082		08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock	2,69

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
POPE JOHN C 1001 FANNIN SUITE 4000 HOUSTON, TX 77002	X							

Signatures

Linda J. Smith, attorney-in-fact 01/19/2005 **Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Stock units accrued under the 2003 Waste Management, Inc. Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan. The stock units will be paid out in shares of common stock following termination of Board service.

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