### **GROSS PATRICK W**

Form 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **GROSS PATRICK W** Issuer Symbol WASTE MANAGEMENT INC (Check all applicable) [WMI] X\_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1001 FANNIN, SUITE 4000 12/22/2008 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77002 Person (City) (State) (Zip)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ole I - Non	-Derivative Sec	urities	Acquire	d, Disposed of, o	r Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acordisposed of (Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and	)	d (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/22/2008		M	5,534.6975	A	\$ 0	7,977.6975	D	
Common Stock (1)	12/23/2008		S	2,269	D	\$ 30.94	5,708.6975	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		D	0.6975	D	\$ 30.83	5,708	D	

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

<ol> <li>Title of</li> </ol>	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of		6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amoun	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orDeri	vative	Expiration Date		Underlying Securiti	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities Acquired		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(A) or Disposed of					
	Derivative				(D)					
	Security				(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Share
Stock Units	\$ 0	12/22/2008		M		5,534.6975	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock	5,53

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other				
GROSS PATRICK W 1001 FANNIN SUITE 4000 HOUSTON, TX 77002	X						

## **Signatures**

John S. Tsai,

attorney-in-fact 12/23/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Sale of shares to pay taxes on payout of deferred stock units pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 Stock Selling Plan.

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