

WASTE MANAGEMENT INC

Form 8-K

March 03, 2004

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

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**FORM 8-K**  
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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 2, 2004**

**Waste Management, Inc.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

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

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

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

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**Item 5. Other Events**

On March 2, 2004, Waste Management, Inc. (the Company ) commenced an underwritten public offering of \$350 million of its 5.00% Senior Notes due March 15, 2014 (the Notes ). The Notes are to be issued under an Indenture dated as of September 10, 1997 between the Company and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee.

The Company is filing the legal opinion of Baker Botts L.L.P. and the consent of Ernst & Young LLP as exhibits 5 and 6 hereto for incorporation by reference into its Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-97697).

**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits**

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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: March 2, 2004

By: /s/ RICK L WITTENBRAKER  
Rick L Wittenbraker  
*Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Assistant Secretary*

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