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April 12, 2001

Thomas C. Newkirk, Esquire Associate Director Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Enforcement Mail Stop 7-5 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005

> Re: In the Matter of Waste Management, Inc. File No. HO-7342

Dear Mr. Newkirk:

Pursuant to the terms of a September 29, 1999 letter agreement (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A), a Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Waste Management, Inc. and the Staff of the Securities and Exchange Committee agreed that documents provided by the Special Committee to the Commission would be considered to be "Confidential Materials" and thus protected from disclosure pursuant to the terms set out in that letter agreement.

Since the September 29, 1999 letter agreement was executed, the Special Committee has completed its work, and provided its findings and recommendations to Waste Management's Board of Directors. In September 2000, the Board of Directors entered resolutions regarding the Special Committee's findings and recommendations. Pursuant to the September 29, 1999 letter agreement, copies of the Special Committee's report and the Board of Directors' resolutions were provided to the Staff by Roderick Hills, who chaired the Special Committee. In addition, in a June 21, 2000 Consent Order,

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Committee or that will be provided to the Staff by Waste Management, all copies of such Confidential Materials be returned to me.

Sincerely.

Ralph C. Ferrara Ralph C. Ferrara

AGREED AND ACCEPTED: Securities and Exchange Commission

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