

WASTE MANAGEMENT INC
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February 16, 2012

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 16, 2012

Waste Management, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-12154
(Commission
File Number)

73-1309529
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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1001 Fannin, Suite 4000 Houston, Texas
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

77002
(Zip Code)

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

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

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Waste Management, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release this morning announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2011, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The Company is holding a conference call to discuss these results beginning at 9:00 a.m. Central Time this morning. The call will be webcast live and may be heard by accessing the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at www.wm.com. The call may also be heard by dialing (877) 710-6139 and entering access code 38143289. To access a replay telephonically, please dial (855) 859-2056 and use the replay conference ID number 38143289.

On the call, management of the Company is expected to discuss certain non-GAAP financial measures that are included in the Company's press release. The Company has provided information regarding its use of such non-GAAP measures and reconciliations of such measures to their most comparable GAAP measures in the footnote and schedules to the press release.

In addition to the non-GAAP measures presented in the press release, management is also expected to discuss adjusted operating revenues, adjusted operating expenses as a percent of adjusted revenues and adjusted SG&A expenses as a percent of adjusted revenues. Management believes these non-GAAP measures provide investors with information to better enable them to evaluate the Company's performance by excluding items that management believes are not representative of our performance or indicative of our results of operations. The reconciliation of these additional non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures are shown below.

Reconciliation of Certain Non-GAAP Measures**(Dollars In Millions)****(Unaudited)**

| | Quarters Ended December 31, | |
|---|--|--------------|
| <i>Adjusted Operating Revenues, Adjusted Operating Expenses, and</i> | 2011 | 2010 |
| <i>Adjusted Operating Expenses as a Percent of Adjusted Revenues</i> | | |
| As reported: | | |
| Operating revenues | \$ 3,406 | \$ 3,187 |
| Operating expenses | \$ 2,145 | \$ 1,941 |
| Operating expenses as a percent of revenues | 63.0% | 60.9% |
| Adjustments: | | |
| Revenues attributable to the acquired Oakleaf operations | \$ (145) | \$ |
| Expenses attributable to the results of the acquired Oakleaf operations and related integration costs | \$ (124) | \$ |
| Landfill operating costs - benefit from changes in risk-free interest rates | \$ | \$ 10 |
| As adjusted: | | |
| Operating revenues (a) | \$ 3,261 | \$ 3,187 |
| Operating expenses (b) | \$ 2,021 | \$ 1,951 |
| Adjusted operating expenses as a percent of adjusted revenues | 62.0% | 61.2% |

| | Quarters Ended December 31, | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>Adjusted Operating Revenues, Adjusted SG&A expenses, and</i> | 2011 | 2010 |
| <i>Adjusted SG&A Expenses as a Percent of Adjusted Revenues</i> | | |
| As reported: | | |
| Operating revenues | \$ 3,406 | \$ 3,187 |
| SG&A expenses | \$ 407 | \$ 396 |
| SG&A expenses as a percent of revenues | 11.9% | 12.4% |
| Adjustments: | | |
| Revenues attributable to the acquired Oakleaf operations | \$ (145) | \$ |
| Expenses attributable to litigation | \$ (24) | \$ (29) |
| Expenses attributable to the results of the acquired Oakleaf operations and related integration costs | \$ (16) | \$ |
| As adjusted: | | |
| Operating revenues (a) | \$ 3,261 | \$ 3,187 |
| SG&A expenses | \$ 367 | \$ 367 |
| Adjusted SG&A expenses as a percent of adjusted revenues (c) | 11.3% | 11.5% |

- (a) Adjusted operating revenues increased by \$74 million, or 2.3% in the fourth quarter of 2011 when compared with fourth quarter of 2010.
 (b) Adjusted operating expenses increased by \$70 million in the fourth quarter of 2011 when compared with fourth quarter of 2010.
 (c) Adjusted SG&A expenses as a percent of adjusted revenues improved 20 basis points to 11.3% in fourth quarter of 2011 when compared with the fourth quarter of 2010.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1: Press Release dated February 16, 2012

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: February 16, 2012

By: */s/ Rick L Wittenbraker*
Rick L Wittenbraker
Senior Vice President

Exhibit Index

Exhibit

| Number | Description |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press Release dated February 16, 2012 |