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**INNOVATIVE WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM IN CANADA TO DELIVER
COST SAVINGS FOR CANADIAN BUSINESS**

*Green SquadSM first in the waste management industry
to offer suite of sustainability solutions*

TORONTO - October 20, 2008 – Waste Management, Inc. today kicked off national Waste Reduction Week with the launch of a new and innovative program – Green SquadSM – that helps Canadian businesses find the sources of their waste, provide a step-by-step plan to reduce it and, in many cases, realize significant cost savings.

Green Squad audit teams help businesses reduce their environmental impact and waste to landfill with solutions that range from simple recycling plans to complex zero-waste initiatives.

In addition to waste solutions, Green Squad provides a complete spectrum of eco-solution services for industrial and commercial business of all sizes and sectors including sustainability solutions in energy, water, real estate efficiency, event and venue, and construction and demolition materials management. The environmental benefit of these sustainability solutions includes helping to protect valuable natural resources, saving energy and promoting clean air and water.

“Green Squad does much more than a simple assessment of a company’s waste stream,” said Angus Kenny, regional manager Green Squad in Canada. “We look at every aspect of a company’s operations to develop comprehensive solutions that make the most sense for our customers. And we go beyond providing advice because we have the resources through Waste Management to implement our program recommendations.”

“Waste Management’s Green Squad is our first choice in helping establish a holistic and cost effective approach to waste and recycling practices throughout Christie. Green Squad’s audit and program recommendations allowed us to improve our recycling performance from 65% in 2007 to 80% recycling rate in 2008 in the first year of our ISO14001 environmental program,” noted Peter Pekurar, senior manager, Integrated Management Systems, Christie Digital Systems Canada, Inc.

“Eco-friendly thinking is an emerging practice that is leading companies to completely re-assess traditional growth and profitability models,” said Jim Halter, vice president, Green Squad, LLC. “Industry leading companies are adopting sustainability strategies to deliver profitable growth and long-term market leadership.”

The Industrial, Commercial and Institutional sector is the biggest component of the Canadian waste stream accounting for two thirds of the waste stream or 18 million tonnes while the remaining waste, 9.2 million tonnes, came from residential sources. According to a recent Statistics Canada survey, Canadians and businesses generated 35 million tonnes of waste while recycling only eight million tonnes.

More information about Green Squad can be found at www.wmgreensquad.ca.

About Waste Management

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Our subsidiaries provide collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. We are also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. Our customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.