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**Waste Management honored by American Lung Association  
for Environmental Achievements**

**SAN DIEGO, April 20, 2009** – Waste Management of San Diego was named a 2009 Clean Air Circle Honoree by the American Lung Association on April 18, 2009, at their annual Evening in the Sky Gala. Waste Management was recognized for their commitment to keeping San Diego's air clean and ongoing efforts to protect the environment and promote sustainability.

"We are honored to join the American Lung Association in working to promote clean air throughout San Diego, especially as we celebrate Earth Week," said Carl Scherbaum, district manager of Waste Management of San Diego. "Our employees are committed to promoting sustainability and being good stewards of the environment we share during Earth Week and throughout the year."

Waste Management of San Diego is keeping the air clean by using low-emission, liquefied natural gas (LNG) powered trash and recycling trucks. In San Diego, the company operates the second largest fleet of LNG powered trucks in the nation. The reduced emissions from this fleet of 125 LNG-powered trucks are the equivalent of removing 9,200 cars from San Diego's highways.

"When our signature green trucks are seen driving down the road, the businesses and communities we serve see a brand that stands for outstanding service, proven safety results and a clear commitment to sustainability," continued Scherbaum. "Our customers know that our trucks help to keep the air in their neighborhoods clean and that means everyone can breathe a little easier."

Waste Management's commitment to the environment goes beyond using a fleet of trucks powered by natural gas. Waste Management is North America's largest recycler and they are leading the way in economically and environmentally sustainable recycling solutions. In June 2009, Waste Management of San Diego will open their new, state-of-the-art material sorting line at their El Cajon facility. This sorting line will process both Construction and Demolition (C&D) materials, and dry recyclables from commercial trash loads. These sorting capabilities will ensure that significantly higher quantities of recyclable materials are reused and kept out of San Diego County landfills.

"We are committed to helping the American Lung Association keep the air clean," Scherbaum said. "We will continue to look for innovative ways to protect the environment and promote sustainability in San Diego."

For more information about Waste Management, visit <http://www.wastemanagementsd.com> or <http://www.thinkgreen.com>.

*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.*

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