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**WASTE MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCES
SUBMISSION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

OTTAWA, June 17, 2010 – Waste Management today announced it will be submitting its Terms of Reference for an environmental assessment of a new landfill footprint at its proposed West Carleton Environmental Centre, a new, multi purpose waste management facility to serve the City of Ottawa and the surrounding region.

Since the project was announced on April 13, Waste Management has conducted numerous open houses and workshops which provided opportunities for people to learn and ask questions as well as discuss issues of concern about the proposed project.

“The views and opinions from our neighbours and the surrounding communities has been invaluable and important part of the development of the proposed project,” said Ross Wallace, Waste Management’s site manager for the new WCEC. “The public still has the opportunity to provide additional comments to the Ministry of Environment by no later than July 19, 2010.”

Waste Management’s Terms of Reference can be found at <http://wcec.wm.com>.

The Terms of Reference are essentially the work plan for what will be studied and how the company will consult with the community during the environmental assessment. Once approved by the Minister of Environment, the Terms of Reference provides the framework for conducting and evaluating the environmental assessment.

The proposed West Carleton Environmental Centre project will have new or expanded industrial, commercial and residential diversion and recycling operations to divert as much waste as possible away from disposal. The facility would create up to 75 green jobs and provide economic benefits in excess of \$1 million per year, and additional lands will be set aside for community recreational purposes and wildlife habitat.

The facility will also have a new, engineered landfill including a liner system, leachate collection and monitoring system to ensure long-term protection of groundwater and surface water for disposal of residual waste, and a landfill gas to energy facility that will convert landfill gas into clean, renewable energy and which will eventually power greenhouses that will be built on the site.

About Waste Management

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

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