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**WASTE MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTS ADDITIONAL ODOR  
CONTROL SYSTEMS NEEDED AS A RESULT OF  
HEAVY SPRING RAINFALL**

**Spring Rains Cited as the Cause of Increased Bothersome Odor Occurrences**

**ROCHESTER, NH (August 30, 2006)** – Waste Management today announced that it is implementing additional odor control systems, including additional landfill gas extraction wells, at its Turnkey Recycling and Environmental Enterprises, (TREE) landfill facility in Rochester, NH that are needed as a result of the record high levels of rain experienced this spring.

“The tremendous rains we experienced this spring are only now beginning to fully impact our landfill odor control efforts, “ said Alan Davis, Post Collection District Manager of Waste Management. “The spring rain water, which has now worked its way down into the lower portions of the landfill, has flooded a number of gas extraction wells as well as reducing the effectiveness of others. We expect our corrective actions and these new wells will have a very positive impact in reducing bothersome odors which have recently increased as a result of both the high water levels and the necessary construction efforts to improve it.”

Davis noted that the construction of the new extraction wells is making good progress but has caused some higher than normal levels of landfill odors in the vicinity of the landfill. “The drilling of these vertical wells requires the removal and movement of some waste material from within the landfill. In the short term, this construction process will result in

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odors emanating from the landfill at levels that otherwise would not occur. We greatly appreciate our neighbor's patience while we do everything possible to correct this situation as quickly as possible."

Company officials stated that they have been planning for the changes required as a result of the heavy rainfall since they occurred this spring. In May of 2006 alone well over a foot of record breaking rainfall was recorded in the Seacoast area. "Although we knew the torrential rain would create some damage to our landfill extraction system, we were unable to begin much of the construction until the rain had more fully settled within the landfill," said Davis.

Although the company does not expect the construction to create a significant increase in landfill odors, "as a courtesy, we want to be sure to advise our neighbors and the community in general of our odor control activities," said Davis.

Individuals can report bothersome odors by contacting Waste Management at (603) 330-2166 or the NH Department of Environmental Services at (603) 271-2936. Additionally, landfill odors can be reported online through the Community Advisory Committee website at [www.treecac.com](http://www.treecac.com). The Community Advisory Committee is a volunteer advisory group created to more fully address community issues associated with Turnkey Recycling and Environmental Enterprises (TREE). The committee's principal focus since its formation in July of 2005 has been the review of issues connected with landfill odors.

The Turnkey Recycling and Environmental Enterprises facility in Rochester, NH, was the first fully-lined sanitary landfill to be licensed in NH. Turnkey is considered a state-of-the-art waste facility and has been used as a model for other landfill operations throughout the country.

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