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Letter from Damon De Frates District Manager, El Sobrante Landfill

Dear Friends,

This month, our company received two noteworthy awards – one recognizing us as “Climate Action Leader” by the California Climate Action Registry. The second was being named one of 2008 “World’s Most Ethical Companies” by the Ethisphere Institute. We are proud of our values, ethics, diversity and efforts to be a responsible partner to our environment and glad to be recognized for it!

It has been a busy year for El Sobrante landfill supervisor, Nicholas Godfrey, not only did he get promoted to landfill supervisor, he also became a first time dad to son, Ronan. Nicholas came to Waste Management three years ago with a strong background in environmental science. His experience has definitely made a positive impact to our team as we maintain a strong environmental and safety record at El Sobrante.

Finally, I can’t say enough about how much we enjoy showing off our facilities to the various groups that visit El Sobrante. This month, Rancho Santiago Life Skills Class toured our facilities and the students were thrilled to meet our master falconer and his trained hawk that helps us discourage birds at the landfill.

As always, we invite you to tour our operations and to answer any questions you may have. Please don’t hesitate to contact me or Community Relations Manager Lily Quiroa at 951-277-5112.

Best,

Damon De Frates
District Manager
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Waste Management "Climate Action Leader"

This month, the California Climate Action Registry named Waste Management a "Climate Action Leader™." Waste Management earned this distinction by voluntarily gathering and reporting its greenhouse gas emissions inventory with the organization, of which it is a member.

The California Climate Action Registry is a non-profit private organization started by the State of California to serve as a voluntary greenhouse gas registry to encourage and protect early actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Members of the Registry voluntarily measure, verify, and publicly report their greenhouse gas emissions. Independent third parties verify the results to ensure compliance with Registry protocols and maintain standardization across participants' industries.

This note of distinction represents six months of internal data gathering of all of greenhouse gas emissions at every single facility, every landfill and every vehicle in California. This is a remarkable achievement for a company as complicated as Waste Management to achieve independent verification of its emissions on its first attempt. This recognition is also a tribute to our staff that worked so hard to complete the submission for 105 of our operations in California.

Waste Management was not only the first solid waste company to join the Registry but it's also a founding member of The Chicago Climate Exchange.





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Waste Management "World's Most Ethical Companies"

Waste Management also had the honor of being named on Ethisphere's second-annual World's Most Ethical Companies list. Waste Management was the only one listed in the "environmental services and equipment" category.

The Ethisphere Institute is a think-tank dedicated to the research and promotion of profitable best practices in global governance, business ethics, compliance and corporate responsibility. This year's selection committee was comprised of leading attorneys, government officials, professors and leaders who care about ethical and honest business practices.



The selection committee reviewed over 10,000 of the world's leading companies that represented six continents in order to determine the finalists. In 2007, our CEO, David Steiner was named to Ethisphere's "100 Most Influential People in Business Ethics." We are very proud to not only have our CEO selected as one of the most ethical people in the business, but also that Waste Management was selected this year as one of the most ethical companies.

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New Responsibilities for Landfill Supervisor

June was a great month for landfill supervisor, Nicholas Godfrey, who celebrated three years with Waste Management and celebrated his first Father's Day as dad to his son Ronan, born earlier in the year.

Originally from Canada, Nicholas completed his degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of British Columbia and soon moved to California where he currently lives in Rancho Cucamonga with his son and wife, Rachel.

Nick was first hired as El Sobrante Landfill's Environmental Protection Officer and recently moved into operations as a Landfill Supervisor. Last year, Nicholas was selected to join Waste Management's District Management team in training – an intensive eight-month course that teaches the best environmental and operational practices available in waste management.

Nicholas also participated in the Waste Management team that helped us earned the "Climate Action Leader" recognition.

While growing up, Nicholas had the opportunity to travel extensively with his family and spent several summers living in Hong Kong and New Zealand. He has also traveled to China, Thailand, across the United States and Canada.

He is an avid snowboarder and keen to any outdoor activities- but now, his best pastime is spending time with his son.





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Santiago High School: Life Skills Class

We were honored this month to have students from Santiago High School Special Education Division visit El Sobrante Landfill. We planned a great day for them where they got to tour the landfill, learn about recycling and make crafts from recycled materials.

The highlight of the tour was when they met master falconer, Henry, and his trained hawk. The students enjoyed hearing Henry talk about how he trains his falcons and hawks and demonstrated the bird's flying abilities. El Sobrante Landfill hires these trained predatory birds to ward off flocks of "nuisance birds" from the landfill.

We enjoy sharing all the great activities that are happening at the landfill and wildlife preserve. With the summer school break here, this is a great opportunity to plan a fun environmental activity with your kids. If you are interested in scheduling a free tour of the landfill and wildlife preserve just call our community relations manager, Lily, and she can coordinate something fun and educational for your kids to enjoy.

