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Dear Friends,

I'm glad to tell you that we're moving forward with our plans to modernize and expand the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center. The Ventura County Planning Department recently issued a notice of preparation of an environmental impact report for the project. We have always strongly supported the development of a full EIR

for the project and are pleased that the process is now officially underway.

With the new year comes new resolutions and we would like to encourage Ventura County residents to be better recyclers in 2008. GI Industries provides residential recycling collection for basic household items such as paper and plastic, but there are additional options for the proper disposal of household hazardous waste and electronic items. What's more, in response to your requests to increase recycling of building materials, Waste Management opened a new construction and demolition recycling facility at the Simi Valley Landfill.

We hope your year is off to a great start. As always, we are here to answer any questions you may have. If you're interested in learning more about our programs or in taking a tour of the landfill, please don't hesitate to contact Scott Tignac via e-mail or at (805) 579-7478.

Best,

Michael E. Smith
Market Area General Manager
Waste Management of Ventura County

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Project Update: Notice of Preparation

The Ventura County Planning Department recently issued a notice of preparation for the modernization and expansion of the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center.

The NOP officially lets the community and other responsible agencies know that an environmental impact report will be prepared for WM's project. The planning department is the lead agency for the project and has the discretion to determine how an EIR should be prepared.

Other governmental agencies involved in reviewing the project include the California Department of Fish and Game, the county environmental health division and the watershed protection district of the county public works agency. These and other agencies will provide guidance in their areas of expertise to help the planning department review and evaluate all aspects of the project.

We have always been in strong support of a complete EIR and now that the process is underway, we will be holding more meetings with the community to gather input and suggestions for the proposed project. The county planning department also will be holding a scoping meeting for the EIR; details will be announced soon. The county also recently put together a tentative timetable for the project, which provides a good overview of the various phases.

More information, including the county timetable and the complete NOP, is available on our website: www.KeepingVenturaCountyClean.com.

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Resolve to be a Better Recycler

With 2008 underway and a new set of resolutions to eat better, lose weight, or exercise more, Waste Management would like to remind Ventura County residents that recycling is an important component of protecting the environment and helping our local community.

Recycling helps conserve resources and energy and supports a healthy environment. Our website has a complete list of items you can and cannot recycle. Please keep in mind that household hazardous waste such as batteries, electronic items and containers for cleaning fluids, automotive fluids, pesticides, paint, garden chemicals, and pool cleaners, should never be thrown in the trash or recycling.

Residents can drop off electronic items at GI Industries from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. GI Industries is located at 195 West Los Angeles Avenue in Simi Valley. This service is provided by Waste Management free-of-charge to all Ventura County residents. Please bring proof of residency and check in with the main office.

Other materials should be taken to a household hazardous waste facility. For information on recycling, reuse and how and where to dispose of household hazardous waste and electronics waste properly, see the following websites: Ventura County Materials Exchange (www.vcmex.org) program is a free service provided to county residents and businesses by the Ventura County Integrated Waste Management Division of the Water & Sanitation Department. The program promotes reuse and waste reduction by allowing residents, businesses, and non-profits to place free "wanted" or "available" ads online.

Earth 911 (www.earth911.org) provides actionable local information on the environment that empowers people to act locally, live responsibly and contribute to sustainability.

Freecycle (www.freecycle.org) is a grassroots and nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns. Waste Management is the founding Corporate Sponsor for The Freecycle Network™, which is made up of 4,251 groups with more than 4 million members across the globe.

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To expand the recycling options available at the Simi Valley Landfill, Waste Management recently opened a construction and demolition recycling facility. This facility will help Simi Valley and Ventura County to meet tough state laws that require every city and county

in California to divert at least 50 percent of its waste from landfills.

Recycling bulky construction and demolition waste is crucial to meeting diversion requirements. In unincorporated parts of Ventura County, commercial and demolition projects are required to divert at least 60 percent of their waste.

The new facility accepts co-mingled C&D waste that will be sorted and recycled. Items accepted will include non-hazardous materials such as:

- Appliances
- Concrete
- Dirt
- Drywall
- Metal
- Roofing materials
- Tile

For information about C&D recycling services at your job site, please call Tom Jacobellis at (805) 955-4346. For more information about the C&D recycling facility, please call Scott Tignac at (805) 579-7478.