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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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April 7, 2008

Ms. LaDonna Castañuela Office of the Chief Clerk Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Waste Management of Texas, Inc.

TCEQ Docket No. 2006-1931-MSW SOAH Docket No. 582-07-0863

Executive Director's Response to the Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision

Dear Ms. Castañuela:

Enclosed for filing is the original Executive Director's Response to the Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision in the above reference matter.

Please file stamp documents and return a copy to Anthony Tatu, Staff Attorney, Environmental Law Division, MC 173.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 239.5778.

Sincerely,

Anthony Tatu Staff Attorney

Environmental Law Division

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S PROPOSAL FOR DECISION

TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

The Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or Commission) files this Response to the Proposal for Decision (PFD) recommended by the Administrative Law Judge's in the above referenced case.

The Executive Director agrees with the Judge's PFD recommending that the Commission grant the application by Waste Management of Texas, Inc. for an amendment to MSW Permit No. 66B, with some revisions to the draft permit. The findings and recommendations are supported by the evidence in the administrative record.

Therefore, the Executive Director respectfully recommends that the Commission adopt the Administrative Law Judge's PFD and Order issuing the permit amendment to Waste Management of Texas, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Glenn Shankle, Executive Director

Robert Martinez, Director Environmental Law Division

By:

Anthony Tatu, Staff Attorney TCEQ Environmental Law Division State Bar No. 00792869

REPRESENTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

SERVICE LIST FOR

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF TEXAS, INC. FOR A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE PERMIT AMENDMENT OF PERMIT NO. 66B

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on April 7, 2008, the foregoing was sent by first-class mail, agency mail, or facsimile to all persons on the mailing list.

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