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**FINAL DRAFT DISCUSSION PAPERS RELEASED FOR
WARWICK LANDFILL EXPANSION PROJECT**

WATFORD, ON – Waste Management of Canada today presented the final three draft discussion papers containing information and analysis for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed expansion of the Warwick landfill.

Discussion Paper #7 presents the results of detailed impact assessment studies and describes the predicted environmental effects that could occur, taking into account mitigation measures proposed by the company. Discussion Paper #8 describes the operations plan of the expanded landfill, and Discussion Paper #9 outlines how Waste Management will respond to any possible effects caused by the proposed expansion after mitigation measures have been implemented. Six discussion papers have already been released starting in the summer of 2000 through late fall of 2002.

The key finding of the final three EA documents is that expansion of the Warwick landfill will have no significant effects or impacts on public health and safety, or the natural environment.

The papers were prepared by the company's technical consultants for review by and comment from the public and the independent scientific peer review team working for the Township of Warwick.

The consultation process for the final three discussion papers will last 150 days ending in late April 2005. Waste Management will then finalize the papers and submit all nine as a completed EA to the Ministry of the Environment for its review.

“Waste Management wants everyone in the community to be aware of the expansion project, and how the landfill will be operated. We also want people to know how the community will be compensated,” says Brad Muter, the company’s Market Area General Manager for Southwestern Ontario.

“These final three discussion papers are in many ways the most important. We released them together because they detail exactly what people can expect to happen and how we plan to address any effects the landfill might have on our immediate neighbours.”

Waste Management is proposing to expand the Warwick landfill site to address the growing need for landfill space in southwestern and central Ontario. The existing landfill is almost full.

The company is proposing to build an environmentally safe, multi-purpose waste management facility, which will include recycling and composting operations, and a modern landfill with plans to capture the landfill gas and turn it into energy. The expansion will create additional space for up to 750,000 tonnes per year for approximately 25 years. The landfill will accept solid, non-hazardous waste from residential, industrial, commercial and institutional customers predominantly in southwestern and central Ontario.

The facility will be designed, built and operated in strict accordance with Ontario Ministry of the Environment landfill regulations and will include a double clay liner system. A leachate collection and treatment system, and comprehensive monitoring systems for ground and surface water as well as for landfill gas will further protect the environment.

The final three discussion papers are available by calling 1-800-555-3561 or by visiting the Township of Warwick Municipal Office, the Warwick Landfill Office on Zion Line or the Waste Management Information Centre at 5306 Nauvoo Road in Watford. Copies are available for viewing at the Watford Library and information about the expansion is also on the company's website at warwicklandfill.wm.com.

A newsletter outlining the highlights of Discussion Papers #7 and #8 will be distributed in the community beginning November 17, a public open house will be held on December 8, and workshops held on January 15 and January 22. For Discussion Paper #9, a newsletter will be distributed in late January and a public open house held in February. Details of these events will be outlined in a newsletter and in advertisements in the Watford Guide-Advocate and Forest Standard.

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