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**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED FOR
WARWICK LANDFILL EXPANSION PROJECT**

WATFORD, ON – Waste Management of Canada (WM) has submitted its Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed expansion of the Warwick landfill to the Ministry of the Environment.

The EA follows the Terms of Reference approved by the Ministry of the Environment in 1998. The key finding of the EA is that expansion of the Warwick landfill will have no significant effects or impacts on public health and safety or the natural environment.

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 landfill will accept solid, non-hazardous waste from residential, industrial, commercial and institutional customers predominantly in southern and central Ontario. The expansion will create additional space for up to 750,000 tonnes per year for approximately 25 years.

The EA submission is a result of a process that has lasted seven years and involved the work of WM's team of expert technical consultants, a comprehensive peer review of the consultant's findings and input from the community-based Environmental Assessment Study Group. Extensive public consultation was taken over the seven-year period with numerous community events including open houses and workshops and other meetings with interested stakeholders. It also takes into account comments and recommendations from a peer review team hired by the Township of Warwick and members of the community.

The EA process involved the release of nine discussion papers on various aspects of the landfill design and operation. Peer reviews and community consultation followed the release of each of the discussion papers.

The plans for the landfill expansion as outlined in the EA document include the an on-site leachate treatment and disposal (using a poplar tree plantation), the creation of local jobs, a property value protection plan for nearby homeowners and a community host agreement.

“From the outset, Waste Management has wanted everyone in the community to be aware of the expansion project and how the landfill will be operated. We also wanted people to know how the community will be compensated,” says Reid Cleland, WM’s District Manager for Southwestern Ontario Landfills.

The facility will be designed, built and operated in strict accordance with Ontario Ministry of the Environment landfill regulations and site specific design features including a nine-foot thick constructed clay liner and hydraulic trap design, 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.

Members of the community have opportunity to comment on the final EA document by expressing their thoughts directly to the Ministry of the Environment, prior to a decision being made on whether the landfill expansion will proceed. The deadline for comments is December 13, 2005.

Copies of the EA for the proposed expansion of the Warwick landfill are available by calling 1 800 555-3561.

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