



MEDIA ADVISORY – 10-14-05
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Clean Fuel Garbage Trucks Help Oaklanders Breathe Easier

Oakland, Ca. (October 18, 2005): To help bring Oakland closer to its goal of reducing harmful diesel emissions, Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) purchased clean fuel garbage trucks using a \$640K Bay Area Air Quality Management District grant obtained by the City of Oakland. Oakland City Council President Ignacio De La Fuente and Air District officials will present a \$640K check to WMAC for the cost difference between buying natural gas-powered trucks and diesel-powered trucks on October 18, 2005, at 10:00 A.M., at Waste Management offices.

“It is our responsibility to do all we can to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. This grant project is an example of positive steps that Oakland, Waste Management, and the Air District are taking to improve the health of local residents and our planet,” said Council President De La Fuente.

Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) used the \$640k grant from the Air District’s Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) to purchase:

- Ten natural gas refuse collection trucks for use in Oakland
- Six dual-fuel transfer trucks for transporting solid waste from Waste Management’s transfer station in San Leandro to the company’s Altamont landfill in Livermore

Through this and prior grants obtained by the City, WMAC has purchased a total of 27 trucks: 21 natural gas refuse trucks for use in Oakland, plus the six dual-fuel transfer trucks. WM operates the largest clean fuel truck fleet in the state, and has achieved early compliance with State Air Resources Board regulations for reducing diesel emissions.

The City of Oakland continues to pursue a wide range of initiatives to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, including: fleet conversion to alternative fuel vehicles; solar power installations; voluntary greenhouse reductions through its Chicago Climate exchange membership; and confirmed implementation of dioxin elimination.

What: \$644,000 check presented by Oakland City Council President Ignacio De La Fuente and Air District officials to Waste Management of Alameda County

When: Tuesday, October 18, 2005, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Waste Management of Alameda County
172 98th Avenue, Oakland
(check in at front desk)