



## Solid Waste System

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## **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA Solid Waste System Revenue Bonds**

### **SECURITY FOR THE BONDS**

#### **Pledged Revenues**

The Solid Waste System Bonds (the "Bonds"), and the interest on the Bonds, are payable solely from and are secured by a pledge of the Pledged Revenues of the Solid Waste System under the provisions of Ordinance No 96-168 (the "Ordinance"). Pledged Revenues are defined as the Net Operating Revenues of the Solid Waste System (Operating Revenues minus Operating Expenses as such terms are defined in the Ordinance) and all moneys and investments on deposit to the credit of the funds and accounts other than the Rebate Fund established pursuant to the Ordinance. The Ordinance does not convey or mortgage all or any part of the Solid Waste System as a pledge or security for the Bonds.

#### **Limited Obligations**

The Bonds are special, limited obligations of the County payable solely from the Pledged Revenues, as defined in the Ordinance, pledged to the Bonds. Neither the faith and credit of the State of Florida nor the faith and credit of any agency or political subdivision thereof or of the County are pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest or premium, if any, on the Bonds. The issuance of the Bonds shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the State of Florida or any agency or political subdivision thereof or the County to levy any taxes whatever therefor or to make any appropriation for their payment except from the Pledged Revenues pledged to and provided for the payment of the Bonds under the Ordinance.

### **THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ENTERPRISE FUND ("WMEF") OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ("DSWM")**

#### **The Waste Management Enterprise Fund**

In January 1989, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") passed Administrative Order 9-1 creating the Metropolitan Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management, by merging the Department of Solid Waste Collection and the Solid Waste Disposal Division of the Public Works Department into a single agency. On September 22, 2011, the Board approved the County's fiscal year 2012 budget. The Solid Waste and Public Works departments were consolidated and considered an area where consolidation should bring savings to the County.

On January 20, 2016, the Board approved and adopted fiscal year 2016 mid-year supplemental budget adjustments and amendments for various departments and funds. This mid-year supplemental budget introduced a plan to create the Department of Transportation and Public Works and the Department of Solid Waste Management and to eliminate the former Public Works and Waste Management and Transit departments. This reorganization was implemented retroactively to the period commencing on October 1, 2015. As a result, the Department of Solid Waste Management ("DSWM") proceeded to separate its activities from those of Public Works with the Mosquito Control Division (formerly included in Public Works' Road, Bridge, Canal and Mosquito Division) remaining with DSWM. However, the Mosquito Control Division is not part of the Waste Management Enterprise Fund.

The activities of the Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management have been carried out by the Waste Management Enterprise Fund ("Waste Management"). Waste Management's principal responsibilities may be categorized as: (1) collection, (2) transfer, (3) disposal and (4) recycling of municipal solid waste.

Waste Management provides solid waste collection and disposal services to single-family residential units (including certain multi-family units such as duplexes) and a small number of commercial and multi-family



accounts in the unincorporated portions of the County. It also provides solid waste collection and disposal services to the Village of Pinecrest, the City of Sunny Isles Beach, the City of Aventura, the Town of Miami Lakes, the Village of Palmetto Bay, the City of Miami Gardens, the City of Doral, the Town of Cutler Bay and the City of Opa-Locka, and it has entered into long-term interlocal agreements with 15 municipalities (including Sweetwater) to provide solid waste disposal services and 9 municipalities to provide curbside recycling. Waste Management operates a variety of facilities, including Resource Recovery (waste-to-energy facility), landfills, transfer stations and neighborhood trash and recycling centers. The Department's waste reduction and recycling programs are designed to meet the requirements of the State of Florida's Energy, Climate Change and Economic Security Act of 2008.

## **The Solid Waste System**

The System comprises (a) the County's solid waste collection and disposal facilities and all improvements including additional transfer stations, landfills or other related facilities, and all buildings, fixtures, equipment and all property, real and personal now or in the future owned, leased (as lessor or lessee), operated or used by the County in conducting and operating its solid waste collection and disposal facilities and providing services of collecting and disposing of solid waste and (b) contracts entered into by the County for the collection, transportation, storage, treatment, disposal and recycling of solid waste. The System does not include, at the option of the County, any solid waste system, facility or equipment which may be acquired by the County subsequent to the date of the Original Ordinance and designated by the County as a "Separate System" on or prior to the date of acquisition.

## **Solid Waste Collection System**

Waste Management ("WM") provides solid waste collection services mainly for single family and small multifamily residential units in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, municipalities that have contracted for such services, newly incorporated municipalities as provided for by Ordinance No. 96-30 and the City of Aventura. While the County offers collection services to commercial and multifamily waste generators in the unincorporated area, such services are generally provided by private waste haulers. The County provided waste collection to approximately 353,600 (average number of household units) residential units for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2024, which contributed approximately 45.56% of the total tonnage going to the System disposal facilities.

## **Solid Waste Disposal System**

The County's integrated solid waste management system provides for the transfer and disposal of solid waste generated in both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County, and consists of transfer stations, disposal facilities, the Resource Recovery Facility and County landfills. A portion of solid waste generated in the County is delivered to the County's transfer stations by County, municipal and private collection vehicles. At the transfer stations, solid waste is reloaded into large transfer trailers for transport to one of the County's three disposal sites or contracted private disposal facilities.

## **Resource Recovery Facility**

The County entered into an agreement for the operation of the County owned resource recovery facility (the "Facility"). The Fifth Amended and Restated Operations and Management Agreement (the "O&M Agreement", "Agreement") was executed on October 31, 2022 (but was effective as of October 1, 2022) by and between the County and Covanta Dade Renewable Energy, LLC (at the time of the agreement known as Covanta Dade Renewable Energy Ltd., a Florida limited partnership), for the purpose of amending and restarting in its entirety the Fourth Amended and Restated Operations and Management Agreement dated as of October 1, 2009 between the County and the Company. The Agreement expires on September 30, 2027. The term of the Agreement can be automatically extended for a five-year renewal term that would expire on September 30, 2032, at the option of the County. Solid waste is delivered to the Facility from the County's transfer stations and directly from municipal customers and private haulers. The garbage and trash are processed into refuse derived fuel and then burned in four boilers that produce steam to turn two turbine generators to produce electricity.

Responsibilities of the Operator: Under the Management Agreement, the Operator is responsible for operating and maintaining the Resource Recovery Facility in compliance with all applicable laws, including environmental laws. The Operator is thus responsible for the payment of all operating costs of the Resource Recovery Facility, including all utility charges. However, the County has agreed to limit rate increases payable by the Operator in water and wastewater utilities provided by the County to the Resource Recovery Facility (other than increases attributable to changes in quality or quantity of water used or wastewater treated) to an amount not exceeding the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"). In addition, the Operator may use any electricity generated at the Resource Recovery Facility for operation of the Resource Recovery Facility.

An unusual and infrequent event occurred on February 12, 2023, when a fire significantly damaged the facility referenced above. As a result of the fire, the Department incurred additional emergency response and clean-up expenses, as well as substantial loss to numerous buildings and equipment including a total loss of the waste-to-energy ("WTE") processing plant.

Upon preliminary evaluation and assessment of damages, it was determined by the insurance adjusters, the engineers, and WM senior management that the facility would most likely not be repaired at its current site. The facility will be permanently closed and demolished, as approved by the Board. A new WTE site is pending selection by the Board and an engineering firm has been selected to provide the design criteria and oversight of the new WTE plant.

## **Solid Waste Disposal Services**

The following cities have signed an interlocal long term disposal delivery agreement:

Bal Harbour Village	Miami Beach	North Miami Beach
Bay Harbor Islands	Miami Shores	South Miami
Coral Gables	Miami Springs	Surfside
Homestead	North Bay Village	Sweetwater
Miami	North Miami	West Miami

*SOURCE: Waste Management Enterprise Fund of Miami-Dade County's Department of Solid Waste Management*

The following table reflects the return to stability in revenue tons after a period of decline from fiscal years 2020 through 2024. It also reflects the County's estimate of revenue tons diverted in the spot market:

Summary of Revenue Tons Disposed and Diverted  
Fiscal Years 2020-2024

	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
Clean Yard Trash	9,692	8,971	9,335	15,328	21,001
Garbage	1,147,963	1,209,931	1,291,353	1,331,262	1,335,423
Trash	580,230	643,144	618,875	631,514	610,428
Storm Related Waste	-	-	-	-	-
White Goods	-	-	-	-	-
Construction & Demolition Debris	-	-	-	2	26,079
Whole Tires	6,940	11,049	14,005	13,073	11,754
Special Waste	977	948	1,198	931	645
Burned Debris	-	-	-	27,055	-
Reduced Fee Cover Material	6,499	190,950	515,731	203,576	260,650
Non Profit Tonnage	<u>9,664</u>	<u>10,967</u>	<u>10,674</u>	<u>10,545</u>	<u>11,048</u>
Total Revenue Tons	<u>1,761,965</u>	<u>2,075,960</u>	<u>2,461,171</u>	<u>2,233,286</u>	<u>2,277,028</u>
Equivalent Revenue Tons	<u>1,746,828</u>	<u>1,877,136</u>	<u>1,942,566</u>	<u>2,022,672</u>	<u>2,010,462</u>
Estimated Spot Market Diversions	436,628	457,584	437,662	479,410	556,037
Average Annual Number of Household Units Served	341,800	343,700	348,600	351,300	353,600

*SOURCE: Waste Management Enterprise Fund of Miami-Dade County's Department of Solid Waste Management*

The following table summarizes the total solid waste tonnage received at each of the regional transfer stations over the past five Fiscal Years.

**Summary of Solid Waste Quantities Received at County Transfer Stations  
Fiscal Year 2020-2024  
(Net Received Tons)**

Facility:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Central Transfer Station	154,089	134,842	52,783	239,621	240,324
West Transfer Station	243,035	266,355	243,308	262,840	315,247
Northeast Transfer Station	213,584	225,898	195,957	279,238	264,460
Total	<u>610,708</u>	<u>627,095</u>	<u>492,048</u>	<u>781,699</u>	<u>820,031</u>

*SOURCE: Waste Management Enterprise Fund of Miami-Dade County's Department of Solid Waste Management*

The following table summarizes the total quantity of solid waste disposed at each disposal facility from Fiscal Year 2020 through Fiscal Year 2024, taking into account the various inter-facility transfers that occur within the System. During Fiscal Year 2024, the County continued to utilize private regional disposal facilities thereby preserving existing landfill capacity.

**Summary of Solid Waste Quantities Disposed at County Disposal Facilities  
Fiscal Year 2020-2024  
(Net Disposed Tons)**

Facility:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
South Miami-Dade Landfill	448,452	535,596	556,925	721,203	723,662
North Miami-Dade Landfill	227,540	248,438	200,532	126,059	110,735
Resource Recovery Net Incinerated	684,159	756,846	645,835	198,995	-
Resource Recovery Ashfill	138,752	125,317	110,154	43,332	-
Contract Disposal to:					
Waste Connections	-	-	-	-	76,601
Waste Management	<u>414,332</u>	<u>354,316</u>	<u>531,243</u>	<u>1,003,172</u>	<u>1,085,424</u>
Total	<u>1,913,235</u>	<u>2,020,513</u>	<u>2,044,689</u>	<u>2,092,761</u>	<u>1,996,422</u>

*SOURCE: Waste Management Enterprise Fund of Miami-Dade County's Department of Solid Waste Management*

Waste Management Enterprise Fund  
Department of Solid Waste Management  
Actual Results of Revenues and Expenses (in (\$000) and Debt Service Coverage  
Fiscal Years Ended September 30<sup>th</sup>

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b><u>Operating Revenues for Coverage:</u></b>					
Disposal Facility Fees	\$ 15,429	\$ 17,339	\$ 20,200	\$ 22,072	\$ 24,627
Utility Service Fee	18,085	19,424	21,042	21,833	22,669
Garbage and Trash Disposal Tipping Fees	60,264	66,143	77,473	86,912	90,328
Electric Sales	8,210	10,911	17,390	9,380	6,579
Medley Surcharge	2,110	2,510	2,518	2,177	2,130
Collection Revenues	166,081	167,935	169,703	181,235	194,483
Other Operating Revenues	8,787	2,990	3,430	3,346	3,112
Total <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>\$ 278,966</u>	<u>\$ 287,252</u>	<u>\$ 311,756</u>	<u>\$ 326,955</u>	<u>\$ 343,928</u>
<b><u>Operating Expenses for Coverage:</u></b>					
Landfill Operations	\$ 27,026	\$ 23,414	\$ 21,485	\$ 29,009	\$ 25,930
Transfer Operations	28,801	32,416	51,342	57,422	97,935
Waste-to-Energy	56,277	62,203	71,319	35,814	13,441
Garbage Collections	43,847	44,583	51,418	51,828	56,367
Trash Collections	21,856	23,855	24,784	28,098	32,045
Recycling	9,583	9,682	6,991	16,356	21,955
Other Operating	67,324	47,145	46,058	70,563	56,790
Total <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	<u>\$ 254,714</u>	<u>\$ 243,298</u>	<u>\$ 273,397</u>	<u>\$ 289,090</u>	<u>\$ 304,463</u>
Net Operating Revenues for Coverage	\$ 24,252	\$ 43,954	\$ 38,359	\$ 37,865	\$ 39,465
<b><u>Adjustments:</u></b>					
Interest Income eligible for Debt Service Coverage <sup>(3)</sup>	4,380	150	-2,614	16,812	24,900
Contribution from Rate Stabilization Fund (RSF) <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Adjusted Net Operating Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 28,632</u>	<u>\$ 44,104</u>	<u>\$ 35,745</u>	<u>\$ 54,677</u>	<u>\$ 64,365</u>
Debt Service Requirement (TDS)	\$ 11,727	\$ 4,133	\$ 4,139	\$ 4,139	\$ 4,146
<b>Debt Service Coverage Ratio</b>	244%	1067%	864%	1321%	1552%

Source: Waste Management Enterprise Fund of Miami-Dade County's Department of Solid Waste Management

NOTE: Revenues and expenses for disposal fees paid by the Collection System to the Disposal System have been eliminated in this presentation.

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes intrafund transactions.

<sup>(2)</sup> Total operating expenses herein are reflected prior to depreciation and expense for assumption of liability of closure and postclosure care costs for inactive landfills.

<sup>(3)</sup> Interest income figures herein excludes interest on restricted construction cash and investment.

<sup>(4)</sup> The contribution from RSF - figure (if any) is calculated based on a 20% of prior year net operating revenues (NOR)



**\$83,755,000**  
**Miami-Dade County, Florida**  
**Solid Waste System Revenue Refunding Bonds**  
**Series 2015**

**Dated:** December 17, 2015

**Final Maturity:** October 1, 2030

**Purpose:**

The Series 2015 Bonds were issued pursuant to Ordinance No. 96-168 and Resolution No. R-972-15 to: (i) refund or redeem the Series 1998, Series 2001 and Series 2005 Bonds; and (ii) pay for costs of issuance.

**Security:**

The Series 2015 Bonds are special limited obligations of the County, payable solely from and secured by a prior lien and pledge of the Pledged Revenues of the System, as provided in the Bond Ordinance.

**Form:**

The Series 2015 Bonds were issued as fully registered bonds in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$5,000. The Series 2015 Bonds are in book-entry only form and are registered initially to Cede & Co., as nominee of the Depository Trust Company, New York, New York. Interest on the bonds is payable semi-annually on each April 1 and October 1, commencing on April 1, 2016. The principal is payable on October 1 for each maturity, commencing October 1, 2016.

**Agents:**

Registrar:	U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Paying Agent:	U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Bond Counsel:	Hogan Lovells US LLP, Miami, Florida
	Law Offices of Steve E. Bullock, P.A., Miami, Florida
Disclosure Counsel:	Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., Tampa, Florida
	Liebler, Gonzalez & Portuondo, P.A., Miami, Florida

**Current Underlying Ratings:**

Standard & Poor's:	AA
Fitch:	AA-

**Optional Redemption:**

The Series 2015 Bonds maturing on or prior to October 1, 2025 are not subject to optional redemption. The 2015 Current Interest Bonds maturing on or after October 1, 2026 are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the County, in whole or in part at any time, on or after October 1, 2025, and if in part, in maturities determined by the County and by lot within a maturity, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount to be redeemed, without premium, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

**Projects Funded with Proceeds:**

Not applicable

**Refunded Bonds:**

Series 1998, Series 2001 and Series 2005

**Refunded Bonds Call Date:**

The Series 1998, Series 2001 and Series 2005 Bonds were all redeemed on January 19, 2016.



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**\$83,755,000**  
**Miami-Dade County, Florida**  
**Solid Waste System Revenue Refunding Bonds**  
**Series 2015**

**Debt Service Schedule**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>							
<b>Ending</b>		<b>CUSIP</b>	<b>Interest</b>				<b>Total Debt</b>
<b>Sept. 30,</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>		<b>Service</b>
2025	Serial	593339AJ3	5.000%	\$ 3,110,000	\$ 958,125	\$	4,068,125
2026	Serial	593339AK0	5.000	3,270,000	798,625		4,068,625
2027	Serial	593339AL8	5.000	3,435,000	631,000		4,066,000
2028	Serial	593339AM6	5.000	3,615,000	454,750		4,069,750
2029	Serial	593339AN4	3.000	3,760,000	307,975		4,067,975
2030	Serial	593339AP9	3.125	3,880,000	190,950		4,070,950
2031	Serial	593339AQ7	3.250	4,010,000	65,163		4,075,163
<b>Totals</b>				<b>\$ 25,080,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,406,588</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>28,486,588</b>



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