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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): April 27, 2017

Republic Services, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-14267

(Commission File Number)

65-0716904

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

18500 North Allied Way

Phoenix, Arizona

(Address of principal executive offices)

85054

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (480) 627-2700

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§232.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 27, 2017, Republic Services, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release containing information about the Company's financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2017. A copy of this press release is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release of Republic Services, Inc. issued April 27, 2017 to announce the financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2017.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.

Date: April 27, 2017

By: _____ /s/ CHARLES F. SERIANNI

Charles F. Serianni
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: April 27, 2017

By: _____ /s/ BRIAN A. GOEBEL

Brian A. Goebel
Vice President and
Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)



REPUBLIC SERVICES

Republic Services, Inc. Reports First-Quarter Results

- Company Reports Double-Digit Growth in First-Quarter Earnings of \$0.55 Per Share
- Revenue Growth of 6.4 Percent Includes Average Yield of 2.3 Percent and Volume Growth of 1.0 Percent
- Returned \$218 Million to Shareholders through Dividends and Share Repurchases
- Named to the 2017 World's Most Ethical Companies List by the Ethisphere Institute

PHOENIX (April 27, 2017) - Republic Services, Inc. (NYSE: RSG) today reported net income of \$187.8 million, or \$0.55 per diluted share, for the three months ended March 31, 2017, versus \$156.7 million, or \$0.45 per diluted share, for the comparable 2016 period. Excluding certain gains and expenses, on an adjusted basis, net income for the three months ended March 31, 2017, was \$187.3 million, or \$0.55 per diluted share, versus \$167.3 million, or \$0.48 per diluted share, for the comparable 2016 period.

“Our solid pricing and volume growth continue to demonstrate the benefits from our Company strategy of profitable growth through differentiation,” said Donald W. Slager, president and chief executive officer. “We generated strong earnings and free cash flow growth in the quarter and returned \$218 million to shareholders through dividends and share repurchases. Our first-quarter results position us well to achieve our full-year goals.”

First-Quarter Financial Highlights:

- * Adjusted diluted EPS was \$0.55 per share, an increase of 15 percent over the prior year.
- * Cash provided by operating activities was \$444 million and adjusted free cash flow was \$240 million.
- * Revenue growth from average yield was 2.3 percent and volumes increased 1.0 percent.

- * Core price increased revenues by 4.1 percent, which consisted of 5.5 percent in the open market and 1.9 percent in the restricted portion of our business.
- * Adjusted EBITDA margin was 27.4 percent of revenue.
- * Total cash returned to shareholders through dividends and share repurchases was \$218 million.

First-Quarter Operational Highlights:

- * The Company continued to convert contracts from CPI to a more favorable pricing mechanism for the annual price adjustment. The Company now has approximately \$425 million in annual revenue that is tied to a waste-related index or a fixed-rate increase of 3 percent or greater.
- * Republic advanced its fleet-based initiatives designed to improve productivity and lower costs. Currently:
 - 18 percent of the fleet operates on compressed natural gas, up from 16 percent in the prior year.
 - 75 percent of the residential fleet is automated, up from 73 percent in the prior year.
 - 96 percent of the fleet is certified under Republic's standardized maintenance program, up from 81 percent in the prior year. The Company expects its entire fleet to be certified under the program by the end of the second quarter of 2017.
- * Republic invested \$55 million in tuck-in acquisitions.
- * The Company was named to the elite 2017 World's Most Ethical Companies List by the Ethisphere Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices.

Republic Declares Quarterly Dividend

Republic announced today that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.32 per share for shareholders of record on July 3, 2017. The dividend will be paid on July 14, 2017.

Presentation of Certain Non-GAAP Measures

Adjusted diluted earnings per share, adjusted net income, adjusted EBITDA, and adjusted free cash flow are described in the Reconciliation of Certain Non-GAAP Measures section of this press release.

About Republic Services

Republic Services, Inc. is an industry leader in U.S. recycling and non-hazardous solid waste. Through its subsidiaries, Republic's collection companies, recycling centers, transfer stations and landfills focus on providing effective solutions to make proper waste disposal effortless for its 14 million customers. *We'll handle it from here.*TM, the brand's promise, lets customers know they can count on Republic to provide a superior experience while fostering a sustainable *Blue Planet*TM for future generations to enjoy a cleaner, safer and healthier world.

For more information, visit the Republic Services website at RepublicServices.com. "Like" Republic on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RepublicServices and follow on Twitter [@RepublicService](https://twitter.com/RepublicService).

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**SUPPLEMENTAL UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION
AND OPERATING DATA**

**REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in millions, except per share amounts)**

	March 31, 2017 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2016
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 33.2	\$ 67.8
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts and other of \$46.3 and \$44.0, respectively	1,017.4	994.8
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	183.8	221.9
Total current assets	1,234.4	1,284.5
Restricted cash and marketable securities	90.8	90.5
Property and equipment, net	7,592.8	7,588.6
Goodwill	11,184.3	11,163.2
Other intangible assets, net	173.0	182.3
Other assets	320.5	320.5
Total assets	\$ 20,595.8	\$ 20,629.6
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 520.8	\$ 553.8
Notes payable and current maturities of long-term debt	6.2	5.8
Deferred revenue	325.4	312.9
Accrued landfill and environmental costs, current portion	135.7	142.7
Accrued interest	69.2	71.8
Other accrued liabilities	719.9	725.0
Total current liabilities	1,777.2	1,812.0
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	7,663.9	7,653.1
Accrued landfill and environmental costs, net of current portion	1,675.9	1,684.8
Deferred income taxes and other long-term tax liabilities	1,218.5	1,210.2
Insurance reserves, net of current portion	271.0	274.6
Other long-term liabilities	303.6	301.2
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share; 50 shares authorized; none issued	—	—
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; 750 shares authorized; 349.3 and 348.2 issued including shares held in treasury, respectively	3.5	3.5
Additional paid-in capital	4,788.5	4,764.5
Retained earnings	3,402.5	3,324.0
Treasury stock, at cost; 10.5 and 8.8 shares, respectively	(524.7)	(414.9)
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax	13.5	14.2
Total Republic Services, Inc. stockholders' equity	7,683.3	7,691.3
Noncontrolling interests in consolidated subsidiary	2.4	2.4
Total stockholders' equity	7,685.7	7,693.7
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 20,595.8	\$ 20,629.6

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(in millions, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Revenue	\$ 2,392.8	\$ 2,248.6
Expenses:		
Cost of operations	1,484.1	1,381.4
Depreciation, amortization and depletion	249.9	243.2
Accretion	20.0	19.8
Selling, general and administrative	253.5	241.2
Withdrawal costs - multiemployer pension funds	1.1	5.6
Gain on disposition of assets and asset impairments, net	(8.3)	—
Restructuring charges	4.4	11.9
Operating income	388.1	345.5
Interest expense	(89.4)	(92.7)
Loss from unconsolidated equity method investment	(2.9)	—
Interest income	0.3	0.5
Other (expense) income, net	0.1	(0.7)
Income before income taxes	296.2	252.6
Provision for income taxes	108.4	95.7
Net income	187.8	156.9
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated subsidiary	—	(0.2)
Net income attributable to Republic Services, Inc.	\$ 187.8	\$ 156.7
Basic earnings per share attributable to Republic Services, Inc. stockholders:		
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.45
Weighted average common shares outstanding	339.9	345.4
Diluted earnings per share attributable to Republic Services, Inc. stockholders:		
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.45
Weighted average common and common equivalent shares outstanding	341.9	346.7
Cash dividends per common share	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.30

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in millions)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Cash provided by operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 187.8	\$ 156.9
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, amortization, depletion and accretion	269.9	263.0
Non-cash interest expense	10.9	11.6
Restructuring related charges	4.4	11.9
Stock-based compensation	9.6	6.5
Deferred tax provision (benefit)	8.7	(3.3)
Provision for doubtful accounts, net of adjustments	5.4	4.6
Gain on disposition of assets and asset impairments, net	(9.0)	(0.9)
Withdrawal costs - multiemployer pension funds	1.1	5.6
Loss from unconsolidated equity method investment	2.9	—
Excess income tax benefit from stock-based compensation activity and other non-cash items	1.3	(4.1)
Change in assets and liabilities, net of effects from business acquisitions and divestitures:		
Accounts receivable	(26.1)	22.6
Prepaid expenses and other assets	33.0	(44.1)
Accounts payable	(18.2)	(39.7)
Restructuring expenditures	(5.5)	(5.3)
Capping, closure and post-closure expenditures	(9.7)	(11.7)
Remediation expenditures	(11.3)	(14.8)
Other liabilities	(10.9)	72.7
Cash provided by operating activities	<u>444.3</u>	<u>431.5</u>
Cash used in investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(223.9)	(271.5)
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	1.3	2.9
Cash used in business acquisitions and investments, net of cash acquired	(54.7)	(6.0)
Cash used in business divestitures	(14.5)	—
Change in restricted cash and marketable securities	(0.3)	4.6
Other	(0.1)	(0.2)
Cash used in investing activities	<u>(292.2)</u>	<u>(270.2)</u>
Cash used in financing activities:		
Proceeds from notes payable and long-term debt	1,085.3	812.0
Payments of notes payable and long-term debt	(1,076.2)	(798.6)
Issuances of common stock	13.5	12.8
Excess income tax benefit from stock-based compensation activity	—	3.9
Purchases of common stock for treasury	(98.9)	(85.8)
Cash dividends paid	(108.6)	(103.7)
Other	(1.8)	(0.9)
Cash used in financing activities	<u>(186.7)</u>	<u>(160.3)</u>
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(34.6)	1.0
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	67.8	32.4
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 33.2</u>	<u>\$ 33.4</u>

You should read the following information in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016. All amounts below are in millions and as a percentage of our revenue, except per share data.

REVENUE

The following table reflects our total revenue by line of business for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2017		2016	
Collection:				
Residential	\$ 564.3	23.6 %	\$ 551.2	24.5 %
Small-container	733.6	30.7	707.8	31.5
Large-container	495.3	20.7	469.2	20.9
Other	9.7	0.4	9.1	0.4
Total collection	1,802.9	75.4	1,737.3	77.3
Transfer	282.2		268.2	
Less: intercompany	(171.6)		(164.5)	
Transfer, net	110.6	4.6	103.7	4.6
Landfill	504.7		489.4	
Less: intercompany	(232.4)		(227.7)	
Landfill, net	272.3	11.4	261.7	11.6
Energy services	27.1	1.1	18.7	0.8
Other:				
Sale of recycled commodities	133.9	5.6	86.8	3.9
Other non-core	46.0	1.9	40.4	1.8
Total other	179.9	7.5	127.2	5.7
Total revenue	\$ 2,392.8	100.0 %	\$ 2,248.6	100.0 %

The following table reflects changes in components of our revenue, as a percentage of total revenue, for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Average yield	2.3%	2.0 %
Fuel recovery fees	0.4	(1.4)
Total price	2.7	0.6
Volume	1.0	2.5
Recycled commodities	2.1	(0.1)
Energy services	0.4	(0.6)
Total internal growth	6.2	2.4
Acquisitions / divestitures, net	0.2	1.2
Total	6.4%	3.6 %
Core price	4.1%	3.4 %

Average yield is defined as revenue growth from the change in average price per unit of service, expressed as a percentage. Core price is defined as price increases to our customers and fees, excluding fuel recovery fees, net of price decreases to retain customers. We also measure changes in average yield and core price as a percentage of related-business revenue, defined as total revenue

excluding recycled commodities and fuel recovery fees, to determine the effectiveness of our pricing strategies. Average yield as a percentage of related-business revenue was 2.5% and 2.2% for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Core price as a percentage of related-business revenue was 4.3% and 3.7% for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

COST OF OPERATIONS

The following table summarizes the major components of our cost of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2017		2016	
Labor and related benefits	\$ 496.7	20.8 %	\$ 472.0	21.0 %
Transfer and disposal costs	187.3	7.8	178.8	8.0
Maintenance and repairs	226.7	9.5	218.3	9.7
Transportation and subcontract costs	134.0	5.6	122.2	5.4
Fuel	84.5	3.5	70.3	3.1
Franchise fees and taxes	109.1	4.6	108.4	4.8
Landfill operating costs	53.1	2.2	43.7	1.9
Risk management	47.5	2.0	45.7	2.0
Cost of goods sold	57.6	2.4	38.7	1.7
Other	87.6	3.6	83.3	3.8
Total cost of operations	\$ 1,484.1	62.0 %	\$ 1,381.4	61.4 %

These cost categories may change from time to time and may not be comparable to similarly titled categories used by other companies. As such, you should take care when comparing our cost of operations by cost component to that of other companies.

SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The following table summarizes our selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2017		2016	
Salaries	\$ 176.7	7.4 %	\$ 158.7	7.1 %
Provision for doubtful accounts	5.4	0.2	4.6	0.2
Other	71.4	3.0	77.9	3.4
Total selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 253.5	10.6 %	\$ 241.2	10.7 %

These cost categories may change from time to time and may not be comparable to similarly titled categories used by other companies. As such, you should take care when comparing our selling, general and administrative expenses by cost component to those of other companies.

RECONCILIATION OF CERTAIN NON-GAAP MEASURES

EBITDA

The following table calculates EBITDA, which is not a measure determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP), for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Net income attributable to Republic Services, Inc.	\$ 187.8	\$ 156.7
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	0.2
Provision for income taxes	108.4	95.7
Other expense (income), net	(0.1)	0.7
Interest income	(0.3)	(0.5)
Interest expense	89.4	92.7
Depreciation, amortization and depletion	249.9	243.2
Accretion	20.0	19.8
EBITDA	\$ 655.1	\$ 608.5

We believe that presenting EBITDA is useful to investors because it provides important information concerning our operating performance exclusive of certain non-cash and other costs. EBITDA demonstrates our ability to execute our financial strategy, which includes reinvesting in existing capital assets to ensure a high level of customer service, investing in capital assets to facilitate growth in our customer base and services provided, maintaining our investment grade credit ratings and minimizing debt, paying cash dividends, repurchasing our common stock, and maintaining and improving our market position through business optimization. This measure has limitations. Although depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion are considered operating costs in accordance with U.S. GAAP, they represent the allocation of non-cash costs generally associated with long-lived assets acquired or constructed in prior years. Our definition of EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies.

Adjusted Earnings

Reported diluted earnings per share was \$0.55 for the three months ended March 31, 2017, as compared to \$0.45 for the same period in 2016. During the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, we recorded a number of charges and other expenses and gains that impacted our EBITDA, pre-tax income, net income attributable to Republic Services, Inc. (net income – Republic) and diluted earnings per share.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2017				Three Months Ended March 31, 2016			
	EBITDA	Pre-tax Income	Net Income - Republic	Diluted Earnings per Share	EBITDA	Pre-tax Income	Net Income - Republic	Diluted Earnings per Share
As reported	\$ 655.1	\$ 296.2	\$ 187.8	\$ 0.55	\$ 608.5	\$ 252.6	\$ 156.7	\$ 0.45
Gain on disposition of assets and asset impairments, net	(8.3)	(8.3)	(3.8)	(0.01)	—	—	—	—
Restructuring charges	4.4	4.4	2.6	0.01	11.9	11.9	7.2	0.02
Withdrawal costs - multiemployer pension funds	1.1	1.1	0.7	—	5.6	5.6	3.4	0.01
Loss from unconsolidated equity method investment	2.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total adjustments	0.1	(2.8)	(0.5)	—	17.5	17.5	10.6	0.03
As adjusted	\$ 655.2	\$ 293.4	\$ 187.3	\$ 0.55	\$ 626.0	\$ 270.1	\$ 167.3	\$ 0.48

We believe that presenting adjusted EBITDA, adjusted pre-tax income, adjusted net income – Republic, and adjusted diluted earnings per share, which are not measures determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, provides an understanding of operational activities before the financial impact of certain items. We use these measures, and believe investors will find them helpful, in understanding the ongoing performance of our operations separate from items that have a disproportionate impact on our results for a particular period. We have incurred comparable charges and costs in prior periods, and similar types of adjustments can reasonably be expected to be recorded in future periods. Our definition of adjusted EBITDA, adjusted pre-tax income, adjusted net income – Republic, and adjusted diluted earnings per share may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies.

Adjusted Free Cash Flow

The following table calculates our adjusted free cash flow, which is not a measure determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Cash provided by operating activities	\$ 444.3	\$ 431.5
Property and equipment received	(208.8)	(277.7)
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	1.3	2.9
Restructuring payments, net of tax	3.4	3.2
Adjusted free cash flow	\$ 240.2	\$ 159.9

We believe that presenting adjusted free cash flow provides useful information regarding our recurring cash provided by operating activities after certain payments. It also demonstrates our ability to execute our financial strategy and is a key metric we use to determine compensation. The presentation of adjusted free cash flow has material limitations. Adjusted free cash flow does not represent our cash flow available for discretionary payments because it excludes certain payments that are required or to which we have committed, such as debt service requirements and dividend payments. Our definition of adjusted free cash flow may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies.

Purchases of property and equipment as reflected on our consolidated statements of cash flows and the adjusted free cash flow presented above represent amounts paid during the period for such expenditures. A reconciliation of property and equipment reflected on our consolidated statements of cash flows to property and equipment received during the period follows for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Purchases of property and equipment per the unaudited consolidated statements of cash flows	\$ 223.9	\$ 271.5
Adjustments for property and equipment received during the prior period but paid for in the following period, net	(15.1)	6.2
Property and equipment received during the period	\$ 208.8	\$ 277.7

The adjustments noted above do not affect our net change in cash and cash equivalents as reflected in our consolidated statements of cash flows.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, accounts receivable were \$1,017.4 million and \$994.8 million, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$46.3 million and \$44.0 million, respectively, resulting in days sales outstanding of 38.7, or 26.3 days net of deferred revenue, compared to 38.1, or 26.1 days net of deferred revenue, respectively.

CASH DIVIDENDS

In January 2017, we paid a cash dividend of \$108.6 million to shareholders of record as of January 3, 2017. As of March 31, 2017, we recorded a quarterly dividend payable of \$108.4 million to shareholders of record at the close of business on April 3, 2017, which was paid on April 17, 2017.

STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, we repurchased 1.8 million shares of our stock for \$109.8 million at a weighted average cost per share of \$60.66.

As of March 31, 2017, we had 338.8 million shares of common stock issued and outstanding.

INFORMATION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release contains certain forward-looking information about us that is intended to be covered by the safe harbor for “forward-looking statements” provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts. Words such as “guidance,” “expect,” “will,” “may,” “anticipate,” “plan,” “estimate,” “project,” “intend,” “should,” “can,” “likely,” “could,” “outlook” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements include statements about our plans, strategies and prospects. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of performance. These statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of our management and are subject to risk and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied or projected by, the forward-looking information and statements. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that the expectations will prove to be correct. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations expressed in the forward-looking statements are:

- general economic and market conditions, including inflation and changes in commodity pricing, fuel, interest rates, labor, risk, health insurance and other variable costs that generally are not within our control, and our exposure to credit and counterparty risk;
- whether our estimates and assumptions concerning our selected balance sheet accounts, income tax accounts, final capping, closure, post-closure and remediation costs, available airspace, projected costs and expenses related to our landfills and property and equipment, fair values of acquired assets and liabilities assumed in our acquisitions, and labor, fuel rates and economic and inflationary trends, turn out to be correct or appropriate;
- competition and demand for services in the solid waste industry;
- price increases to our customers may not be adequate to offset the impact of increased costs, including labor, third-party disposal and fuel, and may cause us to lose volume;
- our ability to manage growth and execute our growth strategy;
- our compliance with, and future changes in, environmental and flow control regulations and our ability to obtain approvals from regulatory agencies in connection with operating and expanding our landfills;
- the impact on us of our substantial indebtedness, including on our ability to obtain financing on acceptable terms to finance our operations and growth strategy and to operate within the limitations imposed by financing arrangements;
- our ability to retain our investment grade ratings for our debt;
- our dependence on key personnel;
- our dependence on technology in our operations;
- our dependence on large, long-term collection, transfer and disposal contracts;
- our business is capital intensive and may consume cash in excess of cash flow from operations;
- any exposure to environmental liabilities or remediation requirements, to the extent not adequately covered by insurance, could result in substantial expenses;
- risks associated with undisclosed liabilities of acquired businesses;
- risks associated with pending and future legal proceedings, including litigation, audits or investigations brought by or before any governmental body;
- severe weather conditions, including those brought about by climate change, which could impair our financial results by causing increased costs, loss of revenue, reduced operational efficiency or disruptions to our operations;
- compliance with existing and future legal and regulatory requirements, including limitations or bans on disposal of certain types of wastes or on the transportation of waste, which could limit our ability to conduct or grow our business, increase our costs to operate or require additional capital expenditures;
- safety and operational risks, including the risk of personal injury to our employees or third parties;
- potential increases in our costs if we are required to provide additional funding to any multiemployer pension fund to which we contribute or if a withdrawal event occurs with respect to any such fund;
- the negative impact on our operations of union organizing campaigns, work stoppages or labor shortages;
- the negative effect that trends toward requiring recycling, waste reduction at the source and prohibiting the disposal of certain types of wastes could have on volumes of waste going to landfills;

- changes by the Financial Accounting Standards Board or other accounting regulatory bodies to generally accepted accounting principles or policies;
- a cyber-security incident could negatively impact our business and our relationships with customers; and
- acts of war, riots or terrorism, including the continuing war on terrorism, as well as actions taken or to be taken by the United States or other governments as a result of further acts or threats of terrorism, and the impact of these acts on economic, financial and social conditions in the United States.

The risks included here are not exhaustive. Refer to “Part I, Item 1A — Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, for further discussion regarding our exposure to risks. Additionally, new risk factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for us to predict all such risk factors, or to assess the impact such risk factors might have on our business or the extent to which any factor or combination of factors may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, as they speak only as of the date on which we make them. Except to the extent required by applicable law or regulation, we undertake no obligation to update or publish revised forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statements are made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.