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EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

PUTNAM COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Director	Jane Collisi	01-01-07 to 12-31-09
Controller	Jane Collisi	01-01-07 to 12-31-09
President of the District	George Nicholas	01-01-07 to 12-31-09



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL  
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT, PUTNAM COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of the West Central Regional Solid Waste District (District), for the period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. The District's management is responsible for the financial information presented herein. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the financial information presented herein and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial information referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial information of the District for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

September 2, 2009

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2007 And 2008

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Solid Waste Management (General)	\$ 1,183,770	\$ 594,478	\$ 501,054	\$ 1,277,194
Special Projects Putnam	101,372	13,145	32,141	82,376
Building Fund	<u>254,942</u>	<u>255,377</u>	<u>248,390</u>	<u>261,929</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 1,540,084</u>	<u>\$ 863,000</u>	<u>\$ 781,585</u>	<u>\$ 1,621,499</u>
	Cash and Investments 01-01-08	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-08
Governmental Funds:				
Solid Waste Management (General)	\$ 1,277,194	\$ 726,784	\$ 378,072	\$ 1,625,906
Special Projects Putnam	82,376	14,034	26,698	69,712
Building Fund	<u>261,929</u>	<u>14,507</u>	<u>276,436</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 1,621,499</u>	<u>\$ 755,325</u>	<u>\$ 681,206</u>	<u>\$ 1,695,618</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial information.

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note 1. Introduction

The District was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The District provides recycling drop-off sites, cleanup of illegal dumpsites, and recycling education to the public.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to report on its cash and investments and the results of its operations on a cash basis. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

Note 3. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. In addition, funds for which property taxes are levied are subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are distributed to the District in June and December. State statute (IC 6-1.1-17-16) requires the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to establish property tax rates and levies by February 15. These rates were based upon the preceding year's March 1 (lien date) assessed valuations adjusted for various tax credits. Taxable property is assessed at 100% of the true tax value (determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance). Taxes may be paid in two equal installments which become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively. All property taxes collected by the County Treasurer and available for distribution were distributed to the District on or prior to December 31 of the year collected.

Note 5. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes the District to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
(Continued)

Note 6. Pension Plan

Public Employees' Retirement Fund

Plan Description

The District contributes to the Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF), a defined benefit pension plan. PERF is an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system, which provides retirement benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. All full-time employees are eligible to participate in this defined benefit plan. State statutes (IC 5-10.2 and 5-10.3) govern, through the PERF Board, most requirements of the system, and give the District authority to contribute to the plan. The PERF retirement benefit consists of the pension provided by employer contributions plus an annuity provided by the member's annuity savings account. The annuity savings account consists of members' contributions, set by state statute at 3% of compensation, plus the interest credited to the member's account. The employer may elect to make the contributions on behalf of the member.

PERF administers the plan and issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan as a whole and for its participants. That report may be obtained by contacting:

Public Employees' Retirement Fund  
Harrison Building, Room 800  
143 West Market Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Ph. (317) 233-4162

Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost

The contribution requirements of the plan members for PERF are established by the Board of Trustees of PERF.

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

PENALTIES, INTEREST, AND OTHER CHARGES

Information presented for examination indicates that, in some cases, amounts paid to the credit card vendor included late fees and finance charges.

Officials and employees have the duty to pay claims and remit taxes in a timely fashion. Failure to pay claims or remit taxes in a timely manner could be an indicator of serious financial problems which should be investigated by the governmental unit.

Additionally, officials and employees have a responsibility to perform duties in a manner which would not result in any unreasonable fees being assessed against the governmental unit.

Any penalties, interest or other charges paid by the governmental unit may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10)

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on September 2, 2009, with Jane Collisi, Director/  
Controller. The official concurred with our finding.