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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF

LAPORTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Director	Clay Turner	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Controller	Carol A. Trost	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
President of the Board	Charles Oberlie	01-01-07 to 12-31-07
	Kathy Chroback	01-01-08 to 12-31-08
	Barbara Huston	01-01-09 to 12-31-09
	Charles Oberlie	01-01-10 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of the LaPorte County Solid Waste Management District (District), for the period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009. 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, 2008 and 2009, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

The Schedule of Capital Assets, as listed in the Table of Contents, is presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial information. It has not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the basic financial information and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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July 15, 2010

LAPORTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2008 And 2009

	<u>Cash and Investments 01-01-07</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash and Investments 12-31-07</u>
Governmental Fund: Solid Waste Management (General)	<u>\$ 3,041,437</u>	<u>\$ 11,632,493</u>	<u>\$ 13,285,181</u>	<u>\$ 1,388,749</u>
	<u>Cash and Investments 01-01-08</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash and Investments 12-31-08</u>
Governmental Fund: Solid Waste Management (General)	<u>\$ 1,388,749</u>	<u>\$ 12,022,407</u>	<u>\$ 11,956,163</u>	<u>\$ 1,454,993</u>
	<u>Cash and Investments 01-01-09</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash and Investments 12-31-09</u>
Governmental Fund: Solid Waste Management (General)	<u>\$ 1,454,993</u>	<u>\$ 9,657,795</u>	<u>\$ 9,143,904</u>	<u>\$ 1,968,884</u>

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

LAPORTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note 1. Introduction

The District was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The District provides sanitation services.

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 user fees are received 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.

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.

LAPORTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 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.

Note 7. Subsequent Event

On April 4, 2005, the District invested \$900,000 in International Melting and Manufacturing (IMM), a startup loose grain abrasive producer and inorganic waste processing company. In July 2009, Steel Dynamics Inc., became major shareholders and started managing the operations of IMM. The company uses local trash in its process and employs approximately 14 local residents. The District's investment became a 1.5% interest in the total patent process. The District anticipates receiving fiscal return in the future.

LAPORTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2009

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Contributed or donated assets are reported at estimated fair value at the time received.

<u>Primary Government</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:	
Capital assets, not being depreciated:	
Buildings	\$ 106,147
Machinery and equipment	<u>747,897</u>
Total governmental activities, capital assets not being depreciated	<u>\$ 854,044</u>

LAPORTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on July 15, 2010, with Clay Turner, Director; and Carol A. Trost, Controller. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.