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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF

WELLS COUNTY SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Controller	Laura A. Brubaker Lisa K. McCormick	01-01-09 to 05-17-10 05-18-10 to 12-31-11
President of the Solid Waste Management District Board	Paul I. Bonham Kevin S. Woodward	01-01-09 to 12-31-09 01-01-10 to 01-01-11



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the financial statements of the Wells County Solid Waste Management District (District), for the period of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010. The District's management is responsible for the financial statements. 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 statements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the District prepares its financial statements on the prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the reporting requirements established by the State Board of Accounts as allowed by state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The basis noted above is a different basis than that used in the prior year.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the District for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2010, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The Combining Schedule(s) of Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash and Investment Balances – Regulatory Basis and Schedule of Capital Assets, as listed in the Table of Contents, are presented for additional analysis and are not required parts of the financial statements. They have not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District's management, and the District Board, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. In accordance with Indiana Code 5-11-5-1, this report is a part of the public records of the State Board of Accounts and of the office examined.

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July 20, 2011

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT(S)

WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2009

	<u>Cash and Investments 01-01-09</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash and Investments 12-31-09</u>
Solid Waste Management	\$ 116,650	\$ 237,680	\$ 39,567	\$ 314,763

The notes to the financial statement(s) are an integral part of this statement.

WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

	<u>Cash and Investments 01-01-10</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash and Investments 12-31-10</u>
Solid Waste Management	\$ 314,763	\$ 152,437	\$ 394,261	\$ 72,939

The notes to the financial statement(s) are an integral part of this statement.

WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT(S)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The District was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The District operates under an appointed governing board.

The accompanying financial statements present the financial information for the District (primary government), and does not include financial information for any of the District's legally separate component units, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be reported with the financial information of the District (primary government).

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are reported on a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the State Board of Accounts in accordance with state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Receipts are recorded when received and disbursements are recorded when paid.

The regulatory basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in that receipts are recognized when received in cash, rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid, rather than when a liability is incurred.

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are stated at cost. Any changes in fair value of the investments are reported as receipts in the year of the sale of the investment.

D. Receipts

Receipts are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statements. The aggregate receipts may include, but are not limited to, the following sources:

Taxes which can include one or more of the following: property taxes, certified shares (local option tax), property tax replacement credit (local option tax), county option income tax, wheel tax, innkeepers tax, food and beverage tax, county economic development income tax, boat and trailer excise tax, county adjusted gross income tax, and other taxes that are set by the District.

Licenses and permits which include amounts received from businesses, occupations, or nonbusinesses that must be licensed before doing business within the government's jurisdiction or permits levied according to the benefits presumably conferred by the permit. Examples of licenses and permits include: peddler licenses, dog tax licenses, auctioneer license, building and planning permits, demolition permits, electrical permits, sign permits, and gun permits.

Intergovernmental receipts which include receipts from other governments in the form of operating grants, entitlements, or payments in lieu of taxes. Examples of this type of receipts include, but are not limited to: federal grants, state grants, cigarette tax

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distributions received from the state, motor vehicle highway distribution received from the state, local road and street distribution received from the state, financial institution tax received from the state, auto excise surtax received from the state, commercial vehicle excise tax received from the state, major moves distributions received from the state, and riverboat receipts received from the county.

Charges for services which can include, but are not limited to the following: planning commission charges, building department charges, copies of public records, copy machine charges, accident report copies, gun permit applications, 911 telephone services, recycling fees, dog pound fees, emergency medical service fees, park rental fees, swimming pool receipts, cable tv receipts, ordinance violations, fines and fees, bond forfeitures, court costs, and court receipts.

Fines and forfeits which include receipts derived from fines and penalties imposed for the commission of statutory offenses, violation of lawful administrative rules and regulations (fines), and for the neglect of official duty and monies derived from confiscating deposits held as performance guarantees (forfeitures).

Utility fees which are comprised mostly of charges for current services.

Other receipts which include amounts received from various sources which can include, but are not limited to the following: net proceeds from borrowings; interfund loan activity; transfers authorized by statute, ordinance, resolution or court order; internal service receipts; and fiduciary receipts.

E. Disbursements

Disbursements are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statements. The aggregate disbursements may include, but are not limited to, the following uses:

Personal services include outflows for salaries, wages, and related employee benefits provided for all persons employed. In those units where sick leave, vacation leave, overtime compensation, and other such benefits are appropriated separately, such payments would also be included.

Supplies which include articles and commodities that are entirely consumed and materially altered when used and/or show rapid depreciation after use for a short period of time. Examples of supplies include office supplies, operating supplies, and repair and maintenance supplies.

Other services and charges which include, but are not limited to: professional services, communication and transportation, printing and advertising, insurance, utility services, repairs and maintenance, and rental charges.

Debt service principal and interest which include fixed obligations resulting from financial transactions previously entered into by the District. It includes all expenditures for the reduction of the principal and interest of the District's general obligation indebtedness.

Capital outlay which include all outflows for land, infrastructure, buildings, improvements, and machinery and equipment having an appreciable and calculable period of usefulness.

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Utility operating expenses which include all outflows for operating the utilities.

Other disbursements which include, but are not limited to the following: interfund loan payments, loans made to other funds, internal service disbursements, and transfers out that are authorized by statute, ordinance, resolution, or court order.

F. Interfund Transfers

The District may, from time to time, transfer money from one fund to another. These transfers, if any, are included as a part of the receipts and disbursements of the affected funds and as a part of total receipts and disbursements. The transfers are used for cash flow purposes as provided by various statutory provisions.

G. Fund Accounting

Separate funds are established, maintained, and reported by the District. Each fund is used to account for money received from and used for specific sources and uses as determined by various regulations. Restrictions on some funds are set by statute while other funds are internally restricted by the District. The money accounted for in a specific fund may only be available for use for certain, legally restricted purposes. Additionally, some funds are used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity as an agent of individuals, private organizations, other funds, or other governmental units and therefore the funds cannot be used for any expenditures of the unit itself.

Note 2. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. The fiscal officer of the District submits a proposed operating budget to the governing board for the following calendar year. The budget is advertised as required by law. Prior to adopting the budget, the governing board conducts public hearings and obtains taxpayer comments. Prior to November 1, the governing board approves the budget for the next year. The budget for funds for which property taxes are levied or highway use taxes are received is subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 3. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are scheduled to be distributed to the District in June and December; however, situations can arise which would delay the distributions. 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 percent 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 normally become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT(S)
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Note 4. *Deposits and Investments*

Deposits, made in accordance with state statute (IC 5-13), with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end should be 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 statutes authorize 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.

Note 5. *Risk Management*

The District may be exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; job related illnesses or injuries to employees; medical benefits to employees, retirees, and dependents; and natural disasters.

These risks can be mitigated through the purchase of insurance, establishment of a self-insurance fund, and/or participation in a risk pool. The purchase of insurance transfers the risk to an independent third party. The establishment of a self-insurance fund allows the District to set aside money for claim settlements. The self-insurance fund would be included in the financial statements. The purpose of participation in a risk pool is to provide a medium for the funding and administration of the risks. These risks may also be mitigated by the District by recording as a disbursement and replacement items purchased.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – UNAUDITED

For additional financial information, the Wells County Solid Waste Management District's Annual Report(s) can be found on the Indiana Transparency Portal website: www.in.gov/itp/annual_reports/.

WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2009

	<u>Solid Waste Management</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ <u>116,650</u>
Receipts:	
Taxes	224,645
Charges for services	2,200
Other receipts	<u>10,835</u>
Total receipts	<u>237,680</u>
Disbursements:	
Supplies	1,057
Other services and charges	<u>38,510</u>
Total disbursements	<u>39,567</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements	<u>198,113</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u><u>\$ 314,763</u></u>

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

	<u>Solid Waste Management</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ <u>314,763</u>
Receipts:	
Taxes	139,480
Charges for services	2,200
Other receipts	<u>10,757</u>
Total receipts	<u>152,437</u>
Disbursements:	
Personal services	353,497
Supplies	413
Other services and charges	<u>40,351</u>
Total disbursements	<u>394,261</u>
Deficiency of receipts over disbursements	<u>(241,824)</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ <u>72,939</u></u>

WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
December 31, 2010

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:	
Machinery and equipment	<u>\$ 21,677</u>

WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
EXAMINATION RESULT(S) AND COMMENT(S)

TIMELY RECORDKEEPING

Disbursement transactions were posted as of the date they cleared the bank and not the actual date of the disbursement.

All documents and entries to records should be done in a timely manner to ensure that accurate financial information is available to allow the governmental unit to make informed management decisions and to help ensure compliance with IC 5-15-1-1 et seq., commonly referred to as the Public Records Law. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10)

PENALTIES, INTEREST, AND OTHER CHARGES

Amounts paid to vendors and other suppliers of goods and services during the period November 2009 through May 2010 were paid as much as 173 days after the invoice date. A similar comment appeared in prior Report B35457.

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)

WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on July 20, 2011, with Paul I. Bonham, Solid Waste Management Board member; Ted Ellis, Solid Waste Management Board member; and Lisa K. McCormick, Controller. The officials concurred with our findings.