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GALLIA, JACKSON, MEIGS, VINTON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
JACKSON COUNTY

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton Solid Waste Management District
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton Solid Waste Management District, Jackson County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the District prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balance and reserve for encumbrances of the Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton Solid Waste Management District, Jackson County, as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 27, 2002 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Jim Petro
Auditor of State

March 27, 2002

**GALLIA, JACKSON, MEIGS, VINTON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
JACKSON COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

Cash Receipts:	
Fees	\$790,719
Grants	84,900
Recycling	132,551
Interest	31,039
Miscellaneous	<u>10,438</u>
 Total Cash Receipts	 <u>1,049,647</u>
Cash Disbursements:	
Salaries	229,456
Supplies	4,003
Equipment	8,148
Contract Services	454,794
Travel / Expenses	21,828
Advertising / Printing / Postage	1,321
Fringes	69,052
Buy Back	62,333
Projects	101,410
Utilities	15,418
Insurance	7,638
Recycle Ohio Grant	45,536
Maintenance	8,474
Miscellaneous	<u>785</u>
 Total Cash Disbursements	 <u>1,030,196</u>
 Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	 <u>19,451</u>
 Fund Cash Balance, January 1	 <u>657,984</u>
 Fund Cash Balance, December 31	 <u><u>\$677,435</u></u>
 Reserve For Encumbrances, December 31	 <u><u>\$44,296</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**GALLIA, JACKSON, MEIGS, VINTON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
JACKSON COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Cash Receipts:	
Fees	\$814,735
Grants	87,200
Recycling	161,881
Interest	26,853
Miscellaneous	<u>31,612</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>1,122,281</u>
 Cash Disbursements:	
Salaries	235,492
Supplies	5,050
Equipment	5,941
Contract Services	438,937
Travel / Expenses	22,385
Advertising / Printing / Postage	2,845
Fringes	51,928
Buy Back	56,401
Projects	141,543
Utilities	16,283
Insurance	7,705
Recycle Ohio Grant	14,890
Maintenance	7,860
Miscellaneous	<u>4,161</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>1,011,421</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>110,860</u>
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	<u>547,124</u>
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	<u><u>\$657,984</u></u>
Reserve For Encumbrances, December 31	<u><u>\$53,211</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**GALLIA, JACKSON, MEIGS, VINTON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
JACKSON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton Solid Waste Management District, Jackson County, (the District) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is directed by a twelve-member Board of Directors comprised of the three County Commissioners of Gallia, Jackson, Meigs and Vinton Counties. The District provides solid waste disposal, recycling opportunities, and other waste management services to these counties.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are included in fund cash balances. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

D. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to adopt an annual budget.

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the legal level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. Appropriation authority includes current year appropriations plus encumbrances carried over from the prior year (if any). The District must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

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JACKSON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Budgetary Process (Continued)

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2001 and 2000 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

E. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as capital outlay disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

F. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the District's basis of accounting.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The District maintains a cash and investment pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	2001	2000
Demand deposits	\$382,580	\$379,319
Certificates of deposit	294,855	278,665
Total deposits and investments	\$677,435	\$657,984

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the District.

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3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 follows:

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts		
Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
\$1,006,225	\$1,049,647	\$43,422

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures		
Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
\$1,642,861	\$1,074,492	\$568,369

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts		
Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
\$980,662	\$1,122,281	\$141,619

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis		
Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
\$1,526,802	\$1,064,632	\$462,170

4. LONG TERM PAYABLE TO GALLIA AND JACKSON COUNTIES

Gallia and Jackson Counties each issued General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$337,500 for the purpose of constructing a recycling center for the District. The bonds were issued April 17, 1998, and have maturities through December 12, 2012.

Through a resolution, the District accepted responsibility for the repayment of the General Obligation Debt. The debt is a general obligation to the Counties and is collateralized by those Counties. The payments are considered to be a long-term payable from the District to those Counties.

Long term payables outstanding at December 31, 2001 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Gallia County	\$270,000	4.95%
Jackson County	270,000	4.95%
Total	\$540,000	

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

4. LONG TERM PAYABLE TO GALLIA AND JACKSON COUNTIES (Continued)

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

Year ending December 31	Gallia County	Jackson County
2002	\$33,365	\$33,365
2003	32,375	32,375
2004	31,385	31,385
2005	30,395	30,395
2006	34,405	34,405
2007 - 2011	163,215	163,215
2012	31,485	31,485
Total	\$356,625	\$356,625

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The District's full-time employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2001 and 2000, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The District contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2001 and from January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000. PERS temporarily reduced the employer contribution rate to 8.13% effective July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

5. RISK POOL MEMBERSHIP

The District belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan"), an unincorporated non-profit association with over 600 governmental entity members providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is deemed a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages, modified for each member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the member's deductible.

The Plan uses conventional insurance coverages and reinsures these coverages 100%, rather than using a risk pool of member funds to pay individual and collective losses. Therefore, the individual members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts which vary from member to member.



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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2156 South New Hampshire Avenue
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton Solid Waste Management District, Jackson County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated March 27, 2002.

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Jim Petro
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March 27, 2002



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JACKSON COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JUNE 4, 2002**