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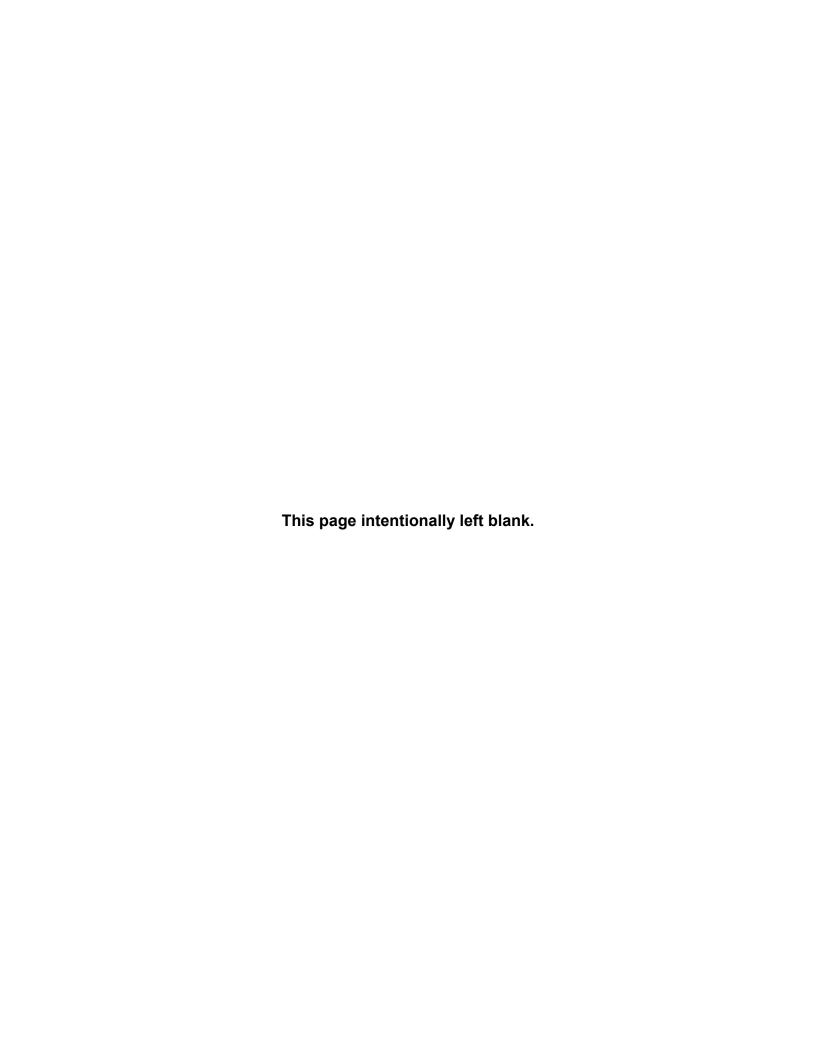
REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Toledo Area Sanitary District Lucas County 5015 Stickney Avenue Toledo. Ohio 43612-3718

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Toledo Area Sanitary District (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001. This financial statement is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement 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 audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is 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 statement 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 statement referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balance of the District as of December 31, 2001, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 26, 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.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, 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 then these specified parties.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

February 26, 2002

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	General
Cash Receipts:	^.
Maintenance Assessments	\$1,885,823
Interest Earned on Investments	31,277
Sale of Equipment and Supplies	7,584
Sale of Scrap	35 14,175
Adjustments and Refunds	14,175
Total Cash Receipts	1,938,894
Cash Disbursements:	
Office and Administration:	
Salaries - Permanent	206,260
Salaries - Temporary	12,087
Equipment	280
Utilities and Communications	31,199
Legal and Consultation	10,311
Pension and Insurance	407,801
Travel and Conference	5,843
Supplies	8,012
Education	7,096
Real Estate Improvements, Maintenance and Rental	14,083
Assessment Roll and Taxes	55,409
Worker's Compensation and State Examiners	13,335
Adjustments	30
Total Office and Administration	771,746
Field Program:	
Salaries - Permanent	711,337
Salaries - Temporary	45,994
New Vehicle and Power Equipment	7,950
Vehicle and Equipment Replacement	94,502
Larvicides and Insecticides	194,686
Fuel and Lubricants	23,877
Equipment Maintenance and Shop	30,964
Field Supplies and Hand Tools	6,953
Miscellaneous and Contingencies	368
Drainage Equipment Maintenance	6,706
Vehicle and Equipment Rental	7,243
Total Field Program	1,130,580_
Total Cash Disbursements	1,902,326
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	36,568
Cash Balance, January 1	522,939
Cash Balance, December 31	<u>\$559,507</u>

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Under Authority of the Sanitary District Act of Ohio, the Toledo Area Sanitary District (the District) was established September 27, 1945 by the Common Pleas Court of Lucas County following petition to the court for the establishment of the District for the abatement and control of mosquitoes. It became operational in 1946. Actual control operations began in 1947. In accordance with the statute, responsibility for policy determination for the District resides in the Director appointed by the judges of the Common Pleas Court. Although not provided for in statutes, a volunteer citizens advisory committee has been appointed by the Director. The General Manager, who is appointed by the Director, administers the District's operations.

The District's management believes the financial statement presents all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement follows 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).

The statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

Certificates of deposit and Repurchase Agreements are valued at cost.

Investments are reported as assets. 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.

D. Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The District classifies its fund into the following type:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements) may not exceed appropriations at the fund level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The District must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2001 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. 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 statement.

G. Accumulated Vacation and Sick Leave

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the basis of accounting used by the District.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The District invests in Certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements.

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

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

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

	<u>2001</u>
Demand deposits Certificates of deposit Cash on Hand	\$67,872 330,787 100
Total deposits	398,759
Repurchase Agreement	160,748
Total deposits and investments	\$559,507

Deposits: Deposits are either insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

Investments: The District and it's financial institution have an agreement in which account balances are automatically invested in an overnight repurchase agreement. The District's financial institution hold securities collateralizing repurchase agreements. The securities are not in the District's name.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2001 follows:

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts						
	Budgeted	Actual				
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance			
General	\$1,740,000	\$1,938,894	\$198,894			
2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures						
	Appropriation	Budgetary				
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance			
General	\$1,968,100	\$1,902,326	\$65,774			

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the District. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

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

4. PROPERTY TAX (Continued)

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the District.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

All full-time, permanent employees participate in the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board. PERS provides basic retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. PERS issues a stand-alone financial report which may be obtained by writing to the Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2001, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The District contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2001. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District maintains comprehensive coverage with private carriers for real property, building contents, vehicles and employee dishonesty. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. Real property and contents are co-insured at 90%.

The District also provides health insurance, life insurance and dental, vision, short-term disability coverage to full-time, permanent employees through a private carrier.

7. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The District is not a party to any litigation proceedings.



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

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To the Director:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Toledo Area Sanitary District (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated February 26, 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 statement is 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 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 statement 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 statement 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 a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that did not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated February 26, 2002.

Toledo Area Sanitary District Lucas County Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

This report is intended for the information and use of the audit committee, management and the Board of Directors, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

February 26, 2002



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TOLEDO AREA SANITARY DISTRICT LUCAS 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED MARCH 28, 2002