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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Clermont County General Health District Clermont County 2275 Bauer Road Suite 300 Batavia, Ohio 45103

To Members of the Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Clermont County General Health District, Clermont County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. 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 combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the Clermont County General Health District, Clermont County, as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and its combined 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 May 6, 2003, 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 management, the Board and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other then these specified parties.

Betty Montgomery

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

May 6, 2003

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Intergovernmental Charges for Services Licenses and Permits	\$691,485 50,039	\$151,645 442,380 1,085,768	\$843,130 492,419 1,085,768
Investment earnings Other receipts	21,439	1,313 102,174	1,313 123,613
Total Cash Receipts	762,963	1,783,280	2,546,243
Cash Disbursements: Personal Services Fringe Benefits Purchased Services Material and Supplies Maintenance and Repair Utilities Capital Other	516,430 175,704 53,174 12,039 4,512 6,033	1,096,500 292,690 413,773 98,527 16,612 16,121 41,992 1,996	1,612,930 468,394 466,947 110,566 21,124 22,154 41,992 1,996
Total Cash Disbursements	767,892	1,978,211	2,746,103
Total Receipts Under Disbursements	(4,929)	(194,931)	(199,860)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Advances-In Advances-Out		31,717 (31,717)	31,717 (31,717)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	0	0	0
Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Under Cash Disbursements	(4,929)	(194,931)	(199,860)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	5,728	486,062	491,790
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$799	\$291,131	\$291,930

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

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Intergovernmental	\$639,796	\$149,953	\$789,749
Licenses and Permits Charges for Services	35,009	1,109,047 395,424	1,109,047 430,433
Investment earnings Other receipts	20,958	2,927 60,248	2,927 81,206
Total Cash Receipts	695,763	1,717,599	2,413,362
Cash Disbursements: Personal Services Fringe Benefits Purchased Services Materials and Supplies Maintenance and repair Utilities Capital Other	461,124 156,257 70,072 9,380 3,880 7,242 15,384 400	1,073,281 259,930 338,661 101,793 19,591 8,535 30,213 5,678	1,534,405 416,187 408,733 111,173 23,471 15,777 45,597 6,078
Total Cash Disbursements	723,739	1,837,682	2,561,421
Total Receipts (Under) Disbursements	(27,976)	(120,083)	(148,059)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Advances-In Advances-Out		10,000 (10,000)	10,000 (10,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	0	0	0
Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Under Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(27,976)	(120,083)	(148,059)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	33,704	606,145	639,849
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$5,728</u>	\$486,062	<u>\$491,790</u>
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$165	\$3,539	\$3,704

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Clermont County General Health District, Clermont County, Ohio (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 five-member Board and a Health Commissioner. The District's services include communicable disease investigations, immunization clinics, inspections, public health nursing services and issues health-related licenses and permits.

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

As required by Ohio Revised Code, the County Treasurer is custodian for the District's cash. The District's assets are held in the County's cash and investment pool, and are valued at the County Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those restricted by law or contract.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The District had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

Environmental Health Fund

This fund receives monies from environmental permit fees for administering various programs.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 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 and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure and amendments thereto. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

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 2002 and 2001 budgetary activity appears in Note 2.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

G. 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 District's basis of accounting.

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$762,170	\$762,963	\$793
Special Revenue	1,904,930	1,814,997	(89,933)
Total	\$2,667,100	\$2,577,960	(\$89,140)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$767,897	\$767,892	\$5
Special Revenue	2,250,043	2,009,928	240,115
Total	\$3,017,940	\$2,777,820	\$240,120

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$723,834	\$695,763	(\$28,071)
Special Revenue	1,793,401	1,727,599	(65,802)
Total	\$2,517,235	\$2,423,362	(\$93,873)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$723,834	\$723,904	(\$70)
Special Revenue	2,100,845	1,851,221	249,624
Total	\$2,824,679	\$2,575,125	\$249,554

3. INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNDING

The County apportions the excess of the District's appropriations over other estimated receipts among the townships and municipalities composing the District, based on their taxable property valuations. The County withholds the apportioned excess from property tax settlements and distributes it to the District. These amounts are included in intergovernmental receipts in the financial statements.

4. 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. PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The District contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2002 and 2001. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The District belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio ("PEP"), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. PEP provides property and casualty insurance for its members. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund PEP. PEP pays judgments, settlements, and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty Coverage

PEP retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured with APEEP up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, from the General Reinsurance Corporations.

If losses exhaust PEP's retained earnings, APEEP covers PEP losses up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

Property Coverage

PEP retains property risks, including automobile physical damage up to \$100,000 on any specific loss. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures specific losses exceeding \$100,000. The Travelers Indemnity Company also provides aggregate excess coverage for property including automobile physical damage subject to an annual stop loss. When the stop loss is reached in any year, the Travelers Indemnity Company provides coverage in excess of \$10,000.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge PEP's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

Financial Position

PEP's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retgained earnings at December 31, 2001 and 2000 (the latest information available):

Casualty Coverage	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Assets	\$19,358,458	\$17,112,129
Liabilities	(8,827,588)	<u>(7,715,035)</u>
Retained Earnings	<u>\$10,530,870</u>	<u>\$9,397,094</u>
Property Coverage	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Assets	\$1,890,323	\$1,575,614
Liabilities	(469,100)	(281,561)
Retained Earnings	<u>\$1,421,223</u>	<u>\$1,294,053</u>



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

Clermont County General Health District Clermont County 2275 Bauer Road Suite 300 Batavia, Ohio 45103

To Members of the Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Clermont County General Health District, Clermont County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated May 6, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted by 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 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 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 a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated May 6, 2003.

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Betty Montgomery

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May 6, 2003



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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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED JUNE 3, 2003