

# COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2010



Board of Trustees Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio 4239 London Groveport Road Grove City, Ohio 43123-9518

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor' Report* of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio, Franklin County, prepared by Schneider Downs & Co., Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

July 18, 2011



# **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

# of the

# **Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio**

# for the

Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2010

Issued by the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio Ronald J. Mills - Executive Director Jeffrey M. Cahill - Assistant Executive Director

Prepared by the Accounting & Finance Department Tamara D. Foster, CPA – Interim Chief Financial Officer Patrick W. O'Block – Budget & Management Administrator

# Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

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#### Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio

June 7, 2011

To the Board of Trustees, residents and businesses of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio ("SWACO"):

We are pleased to present SWACO's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ("CAFR") for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 to the SWACO Board of Trustees and those living and doing business within the jurisdiction of SWACO.

The management of SWACO assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, based upon a comprehensive framework of internal controls it has established for this purpose. Because the cost of internal controls should not exceed the anticipated benefits, the objective is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatements.

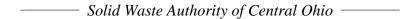
Schneider Downs & Co., Inc., Certified Public Accountants, have issued an unqualified opinion on SWACO's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2010. The independent auditors' report is located at the beginning of the Financial Section of the report, Section 2.

The Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") immediately follows the independent auditors' report and provides a narrative introduction, overview and analysis of the basic financial statements. The MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

#### **Profile of SWACO**

A political subdivision of the State of Ohio, SWACO is one of 52 single and multi-county solid waste management districts established under Ohio's solid waste management program. The primary goal of the State's solid waste management program is reducing reliance on landfills for solid waste disposal in Ohio. As a solid waste district, SWACO is responsible for preparing, updating and implementing a comprehensive solid waste management plan for the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (the "District").

In addition to providing solid waste planning for the District, SWACO operates a sanitary landfill with a maximum daily capacity of 6,000 tons, three waste transfer stations with a combined capacity of approximately 3,000 tons per day, and various recycling and waste reduction programs.



SWACO's mission is to manage the District municipal solid waste stream to achieve environmentally responsible and cost-effective disposal, treat solid waste as a resource capable of yielding recovered materials and energy, reduce reliance on landfilling, and plan future disposal capacity for the District.

# History of SWACO

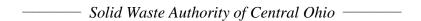
SWACO was established in 1989 and its first two years were devoted to developing the initial solid waste management plan for the District. In 1991, SWACO purchased the 3,333 ton-perday Franklin County Sanitary Landfill (the "Landfill") from the Franklin County Commissioners and, in 1993, added a 90-megawatt, 2,000-ton per day resource recovery facility (the "Waste-To-Energy Facility" or "WTEF") and two solid waste transfer facilities through a long-term lease with the City of Columbus (the "City"). SWACO also acquired the Franklin County (the "County") closed landfill (the "Model Landfill") as part of the acquisition of the operating Landfill.

SWACO closed all but the waste receiving portion of the WTEF at the end of 1994 because of its inability to generate revenues sufficient to operate the facility and pay the lease obligation to the City. SWACO converted the waste receiving portion of the facility to a solid waste transfer station and negotiated revised lease terms with the City. Pursuant to the modified lease, SWACO implemented new fees in 1999 applied to all solid waste generated within SWACO's jurisdiction and dedicated to the payment of the lease (see Note 11). In 2005, SWACO demolished the waste incineration portions of the facility, retaining the transfer station and certain buildings and structures that SWACO used for recycling activities. The remaining buildings and structures were destroyed by fire in 2008, leaving only the transfer station.

With closure of the WTEF in 1994 and the resulting loss of disposal capacity, SWACO began the process of obtaining a permit from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (the "OEPA") to expand the Landfill to meet the additional disposal requirements of the District. In 1997, the permit was approved adding 49 million cubic yards of capacity to the Landfill, sufficient to meet SWACO's disposal requirements for at least 25 years and increasing the daily capacity to 6,000 tons. A further modification to the permit, approved in 2009, added 3.5 million cubic yards to the Landfill's capacity.

#### The Solid Waste Plan

SWACO's Solid Waste Plan was originally adopted in 1993. The plan is subject to periodic updates and the last update approved by the OEPA was in 2005. The most recent update will cover the period from 2011 to 2025, and is expected to be ratified by SWACO's member political subdivisions by August 2011. OEPA final approval is expected by January 2012.



# **Budgetary Control**

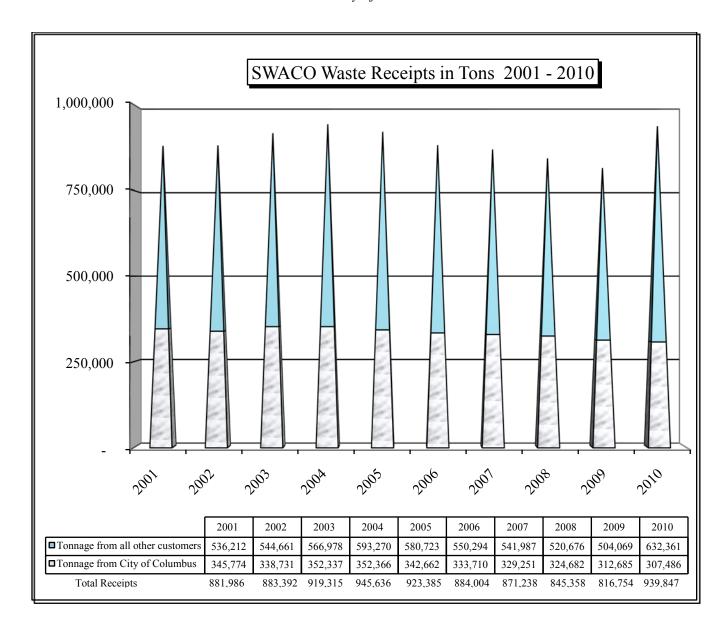
The Board of Trustees adopts an annual non-appropriated operating and capital improvements budget resolution. Budgetary control is maintained by the Board at the major account level (salaries, wages and benefits; contracts, services and supplies; capital outlays; etc.). Although there is no legal requirement for external reporting of budgetary basis financial data, the Statistical Section provides a budget to actual comparison for the year ending December 31, 2010.

# **Local Economy and Economic Outlook**

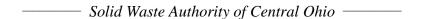
SWACO is located principally within Franklin County, with the City of Columbus as the largest city within the District. Prior to 2001, both the County and the City enjoyed healthy economies characterized by low unemployment, an increasing tax base, and strong economic development. In recent years, the state and local economies have shown slower growth including higher unemployment and lower income and sales tax collections. Nonetheless, both the City and the County maintain triple A ratings on their long-term debt from the major rating agencies.

Since solid waste disposal is a lagging economic indicator, growth in land-filled solid waste tonnage is expected to be modest for the next several years. In 2009, SWACO renegotiated new one-year waiver agreements with key customers requiring them to deliver a minimum of 75.0% of their total waste stream generated in Franklin County to SWACO's Franklin County Sanitary Landfill. In 2010, the waiver agreements expired and SWACO enacted its full authority pursuant to flow control regulations, requiring haulers to bring 100% of solid wastes collected to a SWACO designated facility for disposal. These measures helped SWACO to exceed 900,000 tons of land-filled waste during 2010. In 2010, SWACO approved a rate increase of \$3.00 per ton effective January 1, 2011, and an additional increase of \$3.00 per ton effective January 1, 2012.

Please see chart on next page illustrating SWACO's waste receipts (in tons) from 2001 to 2010.



The introduction in 1999 of fees assessed on all solid waste generated from within the District and dedicated to the payment of the WTEF lease (the Waiver Fee and Retired Facility Fee, Note 11) has contributed greatly to a more stable outlook for the future of SWACO. As a result of a modification to the lease and implementation of the new fees, the City reduced the lease obligation by 35 percent. This, combined with the payments made by SWACO from the revenues generated from the new fees, has allowed SWACO to make significant reductions in the lease obligation and related debt. This is discussed in more detail in the MD&A beginning on page 2-7 (Financial Position of SWACO).



# **Long-Term Financial Planning and Major Initiatives**

SWACO adopts annual operating and capital budgets with additional pro forma projections to extend the planning horizon to five years. Over the next twenty years, SWACO will be embarking on an extensive capital improvements program as it completes construction of the remaining four phases of the Landfill and plans for its eventual closure and replacement. SWACO is in the engineering phase of replacing one of its three transfer stations, and is evaluating the capital needs and future uses of the other two transfer stations. SWACO is also investigating the construction of a multi-purpose receiving and recovery facility designed to reduce the volume of waste being disposed of in the Landfill. The challenge for SWACO will be to establish a future rate structure which is both manageable for its customers and competitive in the central Ohio market, while providing adequate funding for operations and needed capital projects.

As part of its capital improvements program, SWACO issued \$15.5 million in General Obligation bonds in July 2010. SWACO currently has triple A ratings from both Standard and Poor's and Moody's Investors Service.

# **Awards and Acknowledgements**

# Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to SWACO for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. This was the thirteenth consecutive year SWACO has received this award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR that satisfies both accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current CAFR continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

# ———— Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio ————

# Acknowledgements

The Executive Director wishes to thank the employees of SWACO for their dedication and hard work. On behalf of the citizens and staff of SWACO, the Executive Director also acknowledges the support and efforts of the Board of Trustees. These Board members, who serve without compensation, have provided valuable expertise and guidance to SWACO and staff, as well as a significant time commitment, helping SWACO to achieve its goals.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Mill Executive Director

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# **Principal Officials**

Board of Trustees

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Appointed by the Board of Trustees representing the general public

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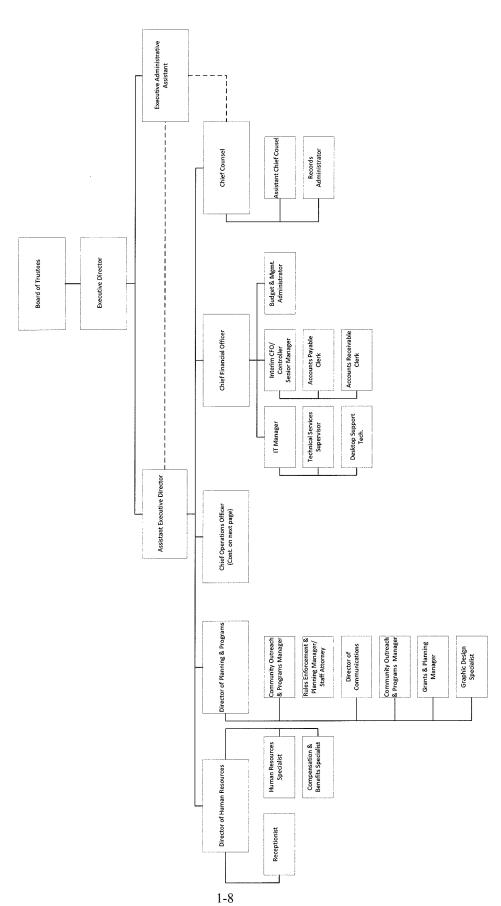
#### Staff

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Jeffrey M. Cahill, Assistant Executive Director
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Rick A. Dodge, Chief Operating Officer
Tamara D. Foster, Interim Chief Financial Officer
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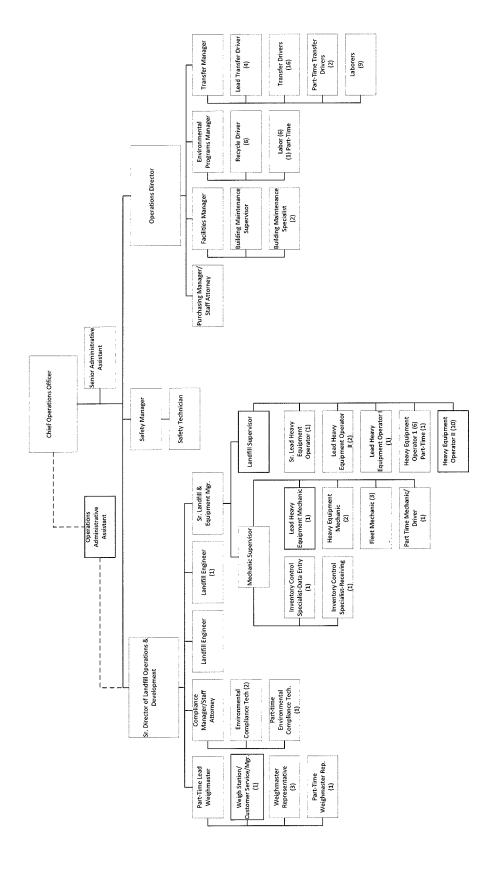
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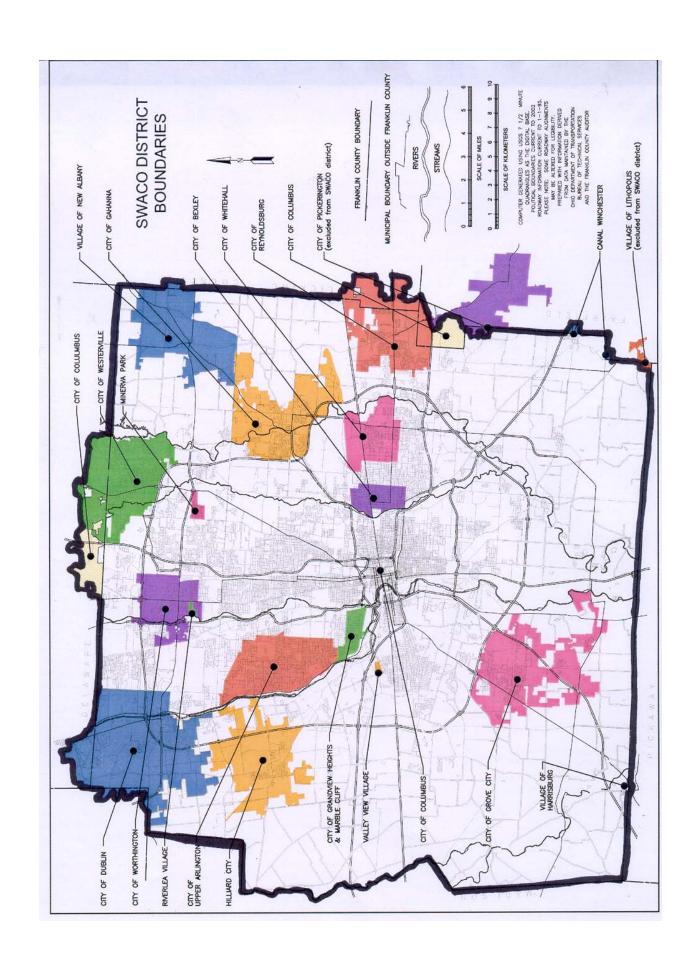




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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio Franklin County 4239 London-Groveport Rd. Grove City, OH 43123

To the Audit and Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, which collectively comprise SWACO's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of SWACO'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.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio, as of December 31, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 7, 2011, on our consideration of SWACO's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise SWACO's basic financial statements as a whole. The introductory section, supplemental schedules and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplemental schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

SCHNEIDER DOWNS & CD. INC.

Columbus, Ohio June 7, 2011

Management's Discussion & Analysis for the Year Ended December 31, 2010 (unaudited)

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") provides an overview of the financial performance of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) and provides an introduction to SWACO's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2010. The information contained in this MD&A should be considered in conjunction with information presented in the letter of transmittal, beginning on page 1-1, and SWACO's financial statements and corresponding notes to the financial statements, which follow this section.

#### **Overview Of The Financial Statements**

SWACO's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB). The financial information of SWACO is accounted for in two enterprise funds in order to reflect limitations and restrictions placed on the use of available resources. The *Operating Fund* is used primarily to account for revenues and expenses related to the operation of SWACO's Sanitary Landfill and solid waste transfer facilities. Except for certain fees restricted to the payment of a capital lease obligation and related bonds, the fund may be used for any other lawful solid waste management purpose deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees. Moneys in the *Program Fund* are restricted by state statute to certain solid waste reduction, recycling and reuse purposes. Generation fee funds are derived from the \$5.00 fee on tipping and any grant income received.

Following this MD&A are the basic financial statements of SWACO together with notes, which are essential to a full understanding of the data contained in the financial statements. Included in the financial statements for SWACO are the following:

- **Statement of Net Assets** This statement presents information on all of SWACO's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets.
- Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets This statement includes all
  operating and non-operating revenues and expenses for SWACO and shows the change in SWACO's
  net assets during the most recent year.
- Statement of Cash Flows This statement reports cash and cash equivalent activities for the year resulting from operating, capital and related financial activities. A reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities is provided.

Certain amounts in the December 31, 2009 MD&A financial information have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

# **Financial Highlights of 2010**

- SWACO's net assets decreased by \$7.8 million, 26.9%, in 2010.
- Depletion expense increased \$6.2 million in 2010. Additional landfill development costs, primarily the landfill entrance project (\$6.0 million), and the increase in future liner costs were contributing factors for the increase.

# Management's Discussion & Analysis for the Year Ended December 31, 2010 (unaudited)

- The Firm Green Energy Center facility is no longer in operation and is not expected to generate any future cash flows. All that remains recorded as of December 31, 2010 is the estimated fair value of the equipment and building, thus resulting in an impairment of the asset of \$3.4 million. It was believed that the potential revenue generation from a gas project was likely enough to justify the carrying value of the asset at the recorded value. It is, however, unlikely that the project will be implemented as originally conceived and the decision was made to proceed with the impairment adjustment.
- SWACO also recorded an impairment of \$2.7 million relating to the facility at 2512 Jackson Pike, commonly known as the RASTRA building. The project for which the building was originally intended was not implemented. The building has been unoccupied resulting in the impairment adjustment.
- SWACO continued to reduce its deficit related to its acquisition of the former City of Columbus Waste-to-Energy Facility (the "WTEF"). The lease liability to the City of Columbus was reduced by \$2.2 million during 2010. It is expected that this liability will be fully paid by the end of 2011.
- Operating income decreased \$3.1 million, 64.0%, in 2010.
- Operating revenues tipping and disposal fees increased by \$3.3 million. During 2009, SWACO renegotiated new one-year waiver agreements with key customers requiring them to deliver a minimum of 75.0% of their total waste stream generated in Franklin County to SWACO's Franklin County Sanitary Landfill. These flow control steps helped SWACO to exceed 900,000 tons of landfilled waste during 2010, for a total of 935,000 tons. There are no waivers for solid waste in 2011. Effective August 1, 2009, the EPA implemented a \$1.25 per ton rate increase, which also contributed to increased revenue.
- Operating expenses Salaries, wages and benefits were reduced by \$1.5 million. The cost of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System Early Retirement Incentive Plan (the "ERIP) in 2009 was \$1,918,305. The cost in 2010 was \$571,794, as anticipated, for a reduction of \$1,346,511 in 2010. Interest expense related to ERIP in 2010 was \$127,740, an increase of \$85,359 from 2009.
- The above mentioned reduction was offset by a \$1.5 million increase in contracts, services and supplies in the Operating Fund. The major components for this increase include grounds and buildings maintenance accounts increased by \$497,000, the majority of which were the result of replenishing inventories of aggregates and other materials. Vehicle fuels and maintenance increased by \$481,000, and there was a large increase in the other operating expenses account due to the purchase of the first right of refusal for property in Canal Winchester for a transfer station, and SWACO's share of costs for improvements to Young Road completed in 2010.
- Increases in solid waste fees of \$1.1 million were the result of increased total tons landfilled.
- The \$5.4 million increase in net non-operating expenses was driven by the \$6.1 million of impairment charges.

# Management's Discussion & Analysis for the Year Ended December 31, 2010 (unaudited)

#### **Combined Net Assets**

The 2009 and 2010 combined net assets of both the Operating and Program Funds are presented and compared on the following page. SWACO's net assets decreased from the prior year by \$7.8 million, 26.9%, (all funds combined). Major components of that reduction were the impairment of long lived assets in the amount of \$6.1 million, the \$6.2 million increase in landfill depletion, the \$4.0 million increase in revenue, and the \$2.2 million decrease in the WTEF lease liability.

SWACO continued to reduce its deficit related to its acquisition of the former City of Columbus Waste-to-Energy Facility (the "WTEF"). The lease liability to the City of Columbus was reduced by \$2.2 million during 2010. It is expected that this liability will be fully paid by the end of 2011. For additional discussion on the WTEF, see *Financial Position of SWACO* on page 2-7 of the MD&A and Note 11 of the financial statements (Capital Lease Obligation).

Significant net asset changes from 2009 to 2010 are discussed in further detail, by fund, later in this MD&A.

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**SWACO**Management's Discussion & Analysis for the Year Ended December 31, 2010 (unaudited)

# Net Assets Operating and Program Funds Combined

	2009	2010	Increase (Decrease)
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 13,620,239	\$ 14,796,657	\$ 1,176,418
Restricted cash and investments Closure/post-closure funds held by	1,817,312	6,582,070	4,764,758
trustee	20,648,026	21,027,298	379,272
Capital assets	53,315,463	43,715,029	(9,600,434)
Capital lease receivable (less current portion)	4,533,000	5,218,100	685,100
Total assets	93,934,040	91,339,154	(2,594,886)
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	19,245,686	23,870,841	4,625,155
Bonds payable, less current portion, net	89,776,456	91,394,857	1,618,401
Capital lease obligation, less current			
portion	1,799,269	-	(1,799,269)
Landfill closure/post-closure liability,	11 171 502	12 011 416	940.012
non current ERIP interest payable	11,161,503 1,139,045	12,011,416 1,096,765	849,913 (42,280)
EKIT interest payable	1,139,043	1,090,703	(42,200)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	123,121,959	128,373,879	5,251,920
Net Assets			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt:			
Lease obligation and bonds payable			
related to closed waste-to-energy			
facility	(43,986,744)	(38,175,498)	5,811,246
Other capital assets, net	(3,609,260)	(17,924,514)	(14,315,254)
Restricted: Landfill closure/post closure trust			
fund, net of accrued liability	10,398,630	9,900,729	(497,901)
Other restricted, net	513,504	776,964	(1,202,996)
Unrestricted	7,495,951	8,387,594	2,358,099
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Total net assets	\$ (29,187,919)	\$ (37,034,725)	\$ (7,846,806)

# Management's Discussion & Analysis for the Year Ended December 31, 2010 (unaudited)

# Combined Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets

The 2009 and 2010 combined revenue, expenses, and changes in fund net assets of both the Operating and Program Funds are presented and compared below.

# Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets Operating and Program Funds Combined

Revenues	2009	2010	Increase (Decrease)
Operating revenues	\$ 37,318,638	\$ 41,166,088	\$ 3,847,450
Non-operating revenues	1,087,437	1,244,321	156,884
Total revenues	38,406,075	42,410,409	4,004,334
Expenses			
Operating expenses	32,494,741	38,818,006	6,323,265
Non-operating expenses	5,995,069	11,439,209	5,444,140
Total expenses	38,489,810	50,257,215	11,767,405
Change in net assets	(83,735)	(7,846,806)	(7,763,071)
Total net assets – beginning	(29,104,184)	(29,187,919)	(83,735)
Total net assets – ending	\$ (29,187,919)	\$ (37,034,725)	\$ (7,846,806)

#### **Financial Position of SWACO**

As shown in the above table, SWACO ended 2010 with a combined net deficit of \$37.0 million. On the surface, this large deficit may raise questions regarding SWACO's financial stability. However, revenues increased by \$4.0 million from prior year and the majority of the deficit can be attributed to the WTEF facility. The facility was acquired in 1993, closed in 1994, and subsequently impaired and demolished. In 1998, the deficit on the facility reached a peak of \$167.8 million and there was a danger SWACO would default on its lease obligation to the City. However, modifications to the lease in 1998 and 2004 allowed SWACO to put in place a means to fully retire the outstanding debt on the facility and have essentially eliminated the risk of default under the lease if SWACO's revenues are not sufficient to pay the lease.

In 2010, SWACO approved a rate increase of \$3.00 per ton effective January 1, 2011, and an additional increase of \$3.00 per ton effective January 1, 2012.

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The following table shows the continued reduction of the WTEF lease obligation.

<b>Discontinued Operations Total Net Assets (in thousands)</b>						
	Carrying Value			Other		
	of Waste-to-	WTEF Lease	Bonds	Assets and	Total Net	
	Energy Facility	Obligation	Payable	(Liabilities)	Assets	
1993	\$162,105	\$173,253	\$ -	\$ -	(\$11,148)	
1994	36,594	165,372	-	(2,565)	(131,343)	
1995	36,594	165,372	-	(3,565)	(132,343)	
1996	36,594	165,372	-	(4,097)	(132,875)	
1997	6,500	165,372	-	(8,361)	(167,233)	
1998	6,433	158,135	-	(16,068)	(167,770)	
1999	6,381	140,275	-	(4,150)	(138,044)	
2000	6,338	136,553	-	(113)	(130,328)	
2001	4,605	126,879	-	(1,734)	(124,008)	
2002	1,976	119,480	-	(981)	(118,485)	
2003	1,976	108,711	-	(964)	(107,699)	
2004	1,121	28,751	56,379	4,837	(79,172)	
2005	-	27,356	53,230	15,405	(65,181)	
2006	-	15,817	50,029	5,986	(59,860)	
2007	-	14,269	46,745	6,520	(54,494)	
2008	-	6,225	43,370	556	(49,039)	

#### **Operating Fund Net Assets**

2009

2010

A comparison of Operating Fund net assets as of the end of 2009 and 2010 is shown in the table on page 2-9.

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Collectively, <u>total assets</u> increased by \$1.9 million (2.2%). Increases of \$6 million in current and other assets and restricted cash and investments, and the capital lease receivable of approximately \$5.2 million transferred from the Program Fund more than offset the reduction in long lived assets and the increase in depletion.

Collectively, <u>total liabilities</u> increased by \$10.0 million. Major components of this increase were \$5.3 million in current liabilities and \$5.7 million long-term bonds payable. Current bonds and notes payable comprised \$5.0 million of the increase in current liabilities. Construction projects payable increased in 2010 by approximately \$367,000. There was a decrease of \$2.2 million in the capital lease obligation. The capital lease was transferred from the Program Fund to the Operating Fund due to the change of scope in operations.

Total net assets decreased by \$8.1 million (26.9%) from 2009 to 2010.

Restricted net assets include funds held by a trustee (EPA Trust Fund) for closure of the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill net of the accrued liability for closure and post-closure care of the landfill. As of December 31, 2010, the EPA Trust Fund value was \$21.0 million and the recorded closure liability was \$11.1 million (includes current and long-term portion), which nets to a balance of \$9.9 million.

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The increase in <u>unrestricted net assets</u> of \$892,000 (11.9 %) was primarily the product of an increase in cash and investments, the result of capital expenditures from the 2010 debt issue, and an increase in accounts receivable, not including the allowance.

# **Operating Fund Net Assets**

	2009	2010	Increase (Decrease)
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 12,973,484	\$ 14,382,007	\$ 1,408,523
Restricted cash and investments	1,518,057	5,979,708	4,461,651
Closure/postclosure funds held by trustee	20,648,026	21,027,298	379,272
Capital assets	52,571,763	43,046,772	(9,524,991)
Capital lease receivable	-	5,218,100	5,218,100
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Total assets	87,711,330	89,653,885	1,942,555
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	18,087,184	23,386,396	5,299,212
Bonds payable, less current portion, net	85,656,456	91,394,857	5,738,401
Capital lease obligation, less current			
portion	1,799,269	-	(1,799,269)
Landfill closure/postclosure liability, less			
current portion	11,161,503	12,011,416	849,913
ERIP payable, less current portion	1,139,045	1,096,765	(42,280)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	117,843,457	127,889,434	10,045,977
Net assets			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt:			
Lease obligation and bonds payable			
related to closed waste-to-energy	(42.006.744)	(20.175.400)	5 011 246
facility Other conital assets, not	(43,986,744)	(38,175,498)	5,811,246
Other capital assets, net Restricted:	(4,352,960)	(18,592,771)	(14,239,811)
Landfill closure/postclosure trust fund,			
net of accrued liability	10,398,630	9,900,729	(497,901)
Other restricted, net	312,996	244,397	(68,599)
Unrestricted	7,495,951	8,387,594	891,643
Omesuicieu	1,493,931	0,307,374	071,043
Total net assets	\$ (30,132,127)	\$ (38,235,549)	\$ (8,103,422)

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# **Operating Fund Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets**

The following table compares 2009 and 2010 revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets in the Operating Fund.

# **Operating Fund Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets**

	2009	2010	Increase (Decrease)
Operating revenues:			
Tipping and disposal fees	\$ 17,835,189	\$ 21,141,470	\$ 3,306,281
Waste transfer fees	4,402,660	4,441,008	38,348
Retired facility and waiver fees	9,162,180	9,472,757	310,577
Other	273,953	646,869	372,916
Operating revenues	31,673,982	35,702,104	4,028,122
Operating expenses:			
Salaries, wages and benefits	9,835,769	8,307,961	(1,527,808)
Contract, services and supplies	5,618,751	7,132,071	1,513,320
Solid waste fees	3,250,143	4,342,431	1,092,288
Depreciation	3,181,689	3,532,800	351,111
Landfill depletion	4,161,271	10,351,506	6,190,235
Landfill closing costs	1,100,396	877,173	(223,223)
Interfund transfers	(467,660)	(627,587)	(159,927)
Bad debt expense	67,899	10,330	(57,569)
Operating expenses	26,748,258	33,926,685	7,178,427
Operating income	4,925,724	1,775,419	(3,150,305)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)			
Interest expense	(4,728,855)	(4,497,754)	231,101
ERIP interest expense	(42,381)	(127,740)	(85,359)
Interest earnings	761,699	567,425	(194,274)
Grant revenues	44,751	350,022	305,271
Loss on federal grant	(511,509)	-	511,509
Bad debt expense	- · · · ·	(126,893)	(126,893)
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	1,224	56,245	55,021
Impairment of long-lived assets	<u> </u>	(6,100,146)	(6,100,146)
Total nonoperating expenses, net	(4,475,071)	(9,878,841)	(5,403,770)
Change in net assets	450,653	(8,103,422)	(8,554,075)
Total net assets – beginning	(30,582,780)	(30,132,127)	450,653
Total net assets – ending	\$ (30,132,127)	\$ (38,235,549)	\$ (8,103,422)

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Solid waste receipts to SWACO's facilities during 2010 were 935,000 tons, 15.0% over 2009 receipts of 816,000 tons. As a result of the increase in waste receipts, tipping and disposal fees increased by \$3.3 million, an increase of 18.5% from 2009. There was a corresponding increase in solid waste fees of \$1.1 million, an increase of 33.6% over 2009. This increase was due in part to a \$1.25 per ton rate increase implemented by the EPA in August 2009.

Retired facility and waiver fees increased modestly, \$310,577, 3.4% over 2009.

Collectively, operating revenues realized a growth of 12.7%, or \$4.0 million.

Expenses for salaries, wages and benefits were \$1.5 million (15.5%) less in 2010 compared to 2009. This decrease is almost entirely related to the cost in 2009 of implementing the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System Early Retirement Incentive Plan (the "ERIP).

Contracts, services and supplies expenses increased by \$1.5 million (26.9%) in 2010 which a majority of these expenses consisted of a \$497,000 increase in grounds and building maintenance, a \$481,000 increase in vehicle fuels and maintenance, and increases in other operating expenses.

Depletion expense increased by \$6.2 million, 149.0% over 2009. A write-down of \$6.1 million was incurred for impairment of long-lived assets.

Interfund transfers decreased by \$159,927, 34.0% less than 2009. In 2009 adjustments were made due to the change in the way payroll expenses were reported. Interfund transfers net to zero between the Operating Fund and the Program Fund.

Collectively, operating expenses increased by \$7.2 million (27.0%). This outcome was primarily related to increases in depletion expense (\$6.2 million) and the increase in solid waste fees (\$1.1 million).

The net effect of these changes resulted in a drop in operating income from \$4.9 million to \$1.8 million, a decrease of \$3.1 million.

Non-operating revenues and expenses netted to an expense in 2010 of \$9.9 million. This amount represents an increase of \$5.4 million (121.0%). The major contributor to this increase was the impairment of long-lived assets.

SWACO's financial position in the Operating Fund decreased by \$8.1 million in 2010, increasing SWACO's net deficit from \$30.1 million to \$38.2 million at the end of 2010.

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#### **Program Fund Net Assets**

In the Program Fund, the capital lease receivable was transferred to the Operating Fund, contributing to the \$4.5 million (73.0%) reduction in total assets. A reduction in notes payable for \$4.1 million contributed to the reduction in total liabilities of \$4.8 million (91.0%). The capital lease was transferred from the Program Fund to the Operating Fund due to the change of scope in operations.

Total net assets at the end of 2010 were \$1.2 million, an increase of \$256,616 (27.0%). Restricted net assets (cash and receivables less payables) were \$532,567, an increase of \$332,059 (166.0%). Other capital assets were \$668,257, a decrease of \$75,443 (10.0%).

#### **Program Fund Net Assets**

	2009	2010	Increase (Decrease)
Assets			<u> </u>
Current assets	\$ 946,010	\$ 1,017,012	\$ 71,002
Capital lease receivables	4,533,000	-	(4,533,000)
Capital assets	743,700	668,257	(75,443)
Total assets	6,222,710	1,685,269	(4,537,441)
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	1,158,502	484,445	(674,057)
Notes payable, less current portion	4,120,000		(4,120,000)
Total liabilities	5,278,502	484,445	(4,794,057)
Net assets			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	743,700	668,257	(75,443)
Restricted	200,508	532,567	332,059
Total net assets	\$ 944,208	\$ 1,200,824	\$ 256,616

#### **Program Fund Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets**

A comparison of 2009 and 2010 revenues and expenses in the Program Fund is shown in the following table.

# **Program Fund Operating Revenues**

There were no receipts for tipping and disposal fees in 2010 due to the elimination of the Roberts Road Yard Waste Composting Program. Contracts to subcontractors for yard waste composting were capped in 2010 at a total of \$1,485,000 for a decrease from 2009 of \$240,000.

Generation fees increased modestly, \$174,745 (3.4%) in 2010 compared to 2009.

Other miscellaneous revenue decreased by \$90,000 (31.0%) due primarily to the elimination of two smaller projects, Project Paper (JITRS-just-in-time recycling) and Dedicated Loads.

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# **Program Fund Operating Expenses**

Program Fund operating expenses collectively decreased by \$855,000 (15.0%) in 2010, primarily the result of projects eliminated as described above.

# **Non-Operating Income & Expenses**

Non-operating transactions primarily consisted of grant activities. Grant revenues, representing pass-through grants received by SWACO, increased by \$8,000 (3.0%). Grants awarded, representing both pass-through and SWACO grants, decreased by \$125,648 (17.6%). Timing of grants in the year they are awarded contributed to this decrease.

Ending net assets in the Program Fund increased by \$257,000 (27.2%) from 2009 to 2010.

# Program Fund Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets

	2009	2010	Increase (Decrease)	
Operating revenues:				
Generation fees	\$ 5,090,250	\$ 5,264,995	\$ 174,745	
Tipping and disposal fees	265,552	-	(265,552)	
Other	288,855	198,989	(89,866)	
Operating revenues	5,644,657	5,463,984	(180,673)	
Operating expenses:				
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,389,747	1,148,750	(240,997)	
Contracts, services and supplies	3,804,034	3,039,541	(764,493)	
Depreciation and depletion	85,043	75,443	(9,600)	
Interfund transfers	467,660	627,587	159,927	
Operating expenses	5,746,484	4,891,321	(855,163)	
Operating income (loss)	(101,827)	572,663	674,490	
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):				
Grant revenues	262,454	270,629	8,175	
Grants awarded	(712,324)	(586,676)	125,648	
Gain on sale of assets	17,309	<u> </u>	(17,309)	
Total nonoperating expenses, net	(432,561)	(316,047)	116,514	
Change in net assets	(534,388)	256,616	791,004	
Total net assets – beginning	1,478,596	944,208	(534,388)	
Total net assets – ending	\$ 944,208	\$ 1,200,824	\$ 256,616	

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#### **Capital Assets**

SWACO's investments in depreciable capital assets include the Sanitary Landfill and related facilities and equipment, three transfer stations, a fleet maintenance facility, a landfill operations facility, the administrative office building and furnishings, and solid waste transfer vehicles and related equipment. Additionally, SWACO owns a 28,000 square foot light manufacturing building which is located on the former WTEF property which SWACO leases from the City of Columbus. SWACO also owns land for facilities and buffer area land in the vicinity of the landfill. The following table compares SWACO's investments in capital assets as of end of 2009 and 2010.

Major capital projects completed and put into service this year are gas systems for \$2.2 million, a leachate lagoon for \$601,000, and sediment pond no. 4 for \$1.4 million.

Major projects remaining in construction in progress at the end of 2010 were the Central Ohio Transformation Center (COTC) phase II for \$2.0 million and the Morse Road facility for \$1.0 million. The remainder was for various smaller landfill projects.

The reduction in net depreciable assets of \$8.7 million in the Operating Fund included the \$6.1 million write-down of long-lived assets.

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Capital Assets					_			
Operating Fund		2009		2010		Increase (Decrease)		
Capital assets, not being depreciated:								
Land and land improvements Construction in progress	\$	12,711,457 4,341,397		2,711,457 3,557,780	\$	- 783,617		
		17.052.954						
Total capital assets, not being depreciated		17,052,854		6,269,237		783,617		
Depreciable capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and depletion:								
Equipment and furnishings		11,461,111	;	8,062,182	(3	3,398,929)		
Building and improvements		3,625,156	4,657,214		1,032,058			
Transfer stations		1,832,436	1,290,875		(541,561)			
Sanitary landfill		18,600,206	12	2,767,264	(	5,832,942)		
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net		35,518,909	2	6,777,535	3)	3,741,374)		
Total capital assets, net	\$	52,571,763	\$ 43,046,772		\$ (9,524,991)			
Program Fund								
Depreciable capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:								
Equipment and furnishings	\$	39,121	\$	21,718	\$	(17,403)		
Building and improvements		704,579		646,539		(58,040)		
Total capital assets, net	\$	743,700	\$	668,257	\$	(75,443)		

SWACO's capital asset activity is discussed in more detail in Note 6 of the financial statements (Capital Assets).

# **Debt Administration**

SWACO's outstanding debt as of December 31, 2009 and 2010 is shown in the following table:

# **Outstanding Long-Term Debt**

	2009	2010	Increase (Decrease)
General obligation bonds, net	\$ 93,265,456	\$ 100,128,506	\$ 6,863,050
Taxable notes	8,998,000	8,191,351	(806,649)
Capital lease obligation	4,099,269	1,888,783	(2,210,486)
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Total	\$ 106,362,725	\$ 110,208,640	\$ 3,845,915

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SWACO's ability to issue unvoted general obligation debt is subject to overlapping debt restrictions with other political subdivisions, but there is not a statutory direct debt limit on SWACO's ability to issue general obligation or revenue bonds. SWACO's debt capacity is more limited by market forces and its ability to raise tipping fees to levels required to pay debt service.

SWACO's general obligation bonds carry an AAA rating by Standard and Poor's and an Aaa rating by Moody's Investors Service. SWACO's debt management program is discussed in more detail in Note 10 of the financial statements (Debt Management).

#### **Economic Factors**

Similar to other local governments in Ohio, SWACO continues to face economic pressures. Waste receipts at the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill in 2010 were up from the previous year for the first time in 6 years.

In 2010, SWACO approved a rate increase of \$3.00 per ton effective January 1, 2011, and an additional increase of \$3.00 per ton effective January 1, 2012.

Since solid waste disposal is a lagging economic indicator, growth in land-filled solid waste tonnage is expected to be modest for the next several years. In 2009, SWACO renegotiated new one-year waiver agreements with key customers requiring them to deliver a minimum of 75.0% of their total waste stream generated in Franklin County to SWACO's Franklin County Sanitary Landfill. These flow control steps helped SWACO to exceed 900,000 tons of land-filled waste during 2010.

#### **Request For Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of SWACO's finances and to show accountability for money received by SWACO. For questions or for additional information regarding this report, write to SWACO, 4239 London-Groveport Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123 or contact Tamara Foster at 614.801.6439, or by e-mail at tamara.foster@swaco.org.

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SWACO Statement of Net Assets – Proprietary Funds As of December 31, 2010

	Business-type Activities – Enterprise Funds			
Assets	Operating Fund	Program Fund	Total	
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,599,827	\$ -	\$ 5,599,827	
Restricted cash	5,979,708	602,362	6,582,070	
Investments	5,055,198	-	5,055,198	
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for				
bad debts	3,379,655	414,650	3,794,305	
Lease receivable, current portion	300,000	-	300,000	
Grants receivable	25,576	-	25,576	
Other assets	21,751		21,751	
Total current assets	20,361,715	1,017,012	21,378,727	
Noncurrent assets:				
Investments held by trustee for landfill				
closure/post closure care	21,027,298	-	21,027,298	
Capital assets:				
Sanitary landfill, net of accumulated				
depletion	12,767,264	-	12,767,264	
Buildings and equipment, net of				
accumulated depreciation	14,010,271	668,257	14,678,528	
Construction in progress	3,557,780	-	3,557,780	
Land and land improvements	12,711,457	-	12,711,457	
Lease receivable, less current portion	5,218,100		5,218,100	
Total noncurrent assets	69,292,170	668,257	69,960,427	
Total assets	\$ 89,653,885	\$ 1,685,269	\$ 91,339,154	

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SWACO Statement of Net Assets – Proprietary Funds As of December 31, 2010

	Business-type Activities – Enterprise Funds			
	Operating	Program		
Liabilities _	Fund	Fund	Total	
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 1,961,846	\$327,993	\$ 2,289,839	
SWACO grants payable	-	40,605	40,605	
Accrued wages and benefits	1,291,823	115,847	1,407,670	
Accrued interest	902,702	-	902,702	
Current maturities of bonds and notes	,,,,,		, , , , ,	
payable	16,925,000	-	16,925,000	
Capital lease obligation	1,888,783	-	1,888,783	
Unearned lease revenue	303,150	-	303,150	
Landfill postclosure liability-current				
portion	75,000	-	75,000	
Other payables	38,092	-	38,092	
Total current liabilities	23,386,396	484,445	23,870,841	
Noncurrent liabilities				
Bonds and notes payable, less current				
portion, net	91,394,857	-	91,394,857	
Landfill closure/postclosure liability	12,011,416	-	12,011,416	
ERIP payable	1,096,765	-	1,096,765	
Total noncurrent liabilities	104,503,038	-	104,503,038	
Total liabilities	127,889,434	484,445	128,373,879	
Net Assets				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt:				
Lease obligation and bonds payable				
related to closed waste-to-energy				
facility	(38,175,498)	-	(38,175,498)	
Other capital assets, net	(18,592,771)	668,257	(17,924,514)	
Restricted:	(10,0)2,771)	000,227	(17,521,511)	
Closure/postclosure trust fund net of				
accrued liability – Sanitary Landfill	9,900,729	_	9,900,729	
Other restricted, net	244,397	532,567	776,964	
Unrestricted	8,387,594	-	8,387,594	
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Total net assets	\$ (38,235,549)	\$ 1,200,824	\$ (37,034,725)	

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets – Proprietary Funds
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	Business-type Activities – Enterprise Funds			
	Operating	Program	·	
	Fund	Fund	Total	
Operating wavenues				
Operating revenues: Tipping and disposal fees	\$ 21,141,470	\$ -	\$ 21,141,470	
Waste transfer fees	4,441,008	Ψ -	4,441,008	
Retired facility and waiver fees	9,472,757	_	9,472,757	
Generation fees	), <del>4</del> 12,131	5,264,995	5,264,995	
Other	646,869	198,989	845,858	
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Operating revenues	35,702,104	5,463,984	41,166,088	
Operating expenses:				
Salaries, wages and benefits	8,307,961	1,148,750	9,456,711	
Contract, services and supplies	7,132,071	3,039,541	10,171,612	
Solid waste fees	4,342,431	-	4,342,431	
Depreciation	3,532,800	75,443	3,608,243	
Landfill depletion	10,351,506	-	10,351,506	
Landfill closing costs	877,173	-	877,173	
Interfund charges	(627,587)	627,587	-	
Bad debt expense	10,330	<u> </u>	10,330	
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Operating expenses	33,926,685	4,891,321	38,818,006	
Operating income	1,775,419	572,663	2,348,082	
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):				
Interest expense	(4,497,754)	-	(4,497,754)	
ERIP interest expense	(127,740)	-	(127,740)	
Interest earnings	567,425	-	567,425	
Grant revenues	350,022	270,629	620,651	
Grants awarded	-	(586,676)	(586,676)	
Bad debt expense	(126,893)	-	(126,893)	
Gain on disposal of assets	56,245	_	56,245	
Impairment of long-lived assets	(6,100,146)	_	(6,100,146)	
impunition of long in the dissection	(0,100,110)		(0,100,110)	
Total nonoperating expenses, net	(9,878,841)	(316,047)	(10,194,888)	
Change in net assets	(8,103,422)	256,616	(7,846,806)	
Total net assets – beginning	(30,132,127)	944,208	(29,187,919)	
Total net assets – ending	\$ (38,235,549)	\$ 1,200,824	\$ (37,034,725)	

SWACO Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Business-type Activities – Enterprise Funds			
	Operating			
	Fund	Fund	Total	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Receipts from customers	\$ 24,760,265	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,785,265	
Retired facility fee and waiver fees collected	7,316,277	-	7,316,277	
Generation fees collected	-	5,297,101	5,297,101	
Other receipts	559,257	198,989	758,246	
Payments to or on behalf of employees for				
salaries, wages and benefits	(8,337,417)	(1,133,936)	(9,471,353)	
Payments to vendors	(11,686,208)	(2,969,908)	(14,656,116)	
Model Landfill postclosure costs paid	(27,260)	-	(27,260)	
Interfund charges	627,587	(627,587)	-	
Deferred revenue	15,173	-	15,173	
Other payments	38,104	(38,093)	11_	
Net cash provided by operating activities:	13,265,778	751,566	14,017,344	
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:				
Grants received	197,553	138,217	335,770	
Grants awarded	-	(586,676)	(586,676)	
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital				
financing activities	197,553	(448,459)	(250,906)	
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	15,970,273	_	15,970,273	
Purchase of investments	(18,513,263)	_	(18,513,263)	
Interest received	495,570	-	495,570	
interest received	775,570		775,570	
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,047,420)		(2,047,420)	

SWACO Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Operating Fund	Program Fund	Total
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:			
Proceeds from capital debt	23,510,024	-	23,510,024
Proceeds from sale of assets	56,245	-	56,245
Proceeds from capital lease	175,000	-	175,000
Landfill, facilities and equipment additions and			
disposals	(10,092,249)	-	(10,092,249)
Principal paid on bonds and notes payable	(17,318,000)	-	(17,318,000)
Principal paid on capital lease	(57,932)	-	(57,932)
Interest paid	(4,794,082)	-	(4,794,082)
Debt issuance costs paid	(182,350)	-	(182,350)
Net cash used in capital and related financing	<u> </u>		
activities	(8,703,344)		(8,703,344)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,712,567	303,107	3,015,674
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	8,866,968	299,255	9,166,223
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 11,579,535	\$ 602,362	\$ 12,181,897
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash			
provided by operating activities:			
Operating income	\$ 1,775,419	\$ 572,663	\$ 2,348,082
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash			
provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and depletion	13,884,306	75,443	13,959,749
Landfill closing costs	877,173	-	877,173
Lease credit received in lieu of cash	(2,152,554)	-	(2,152,554)
Increase (decrease) in cash resulting from changes in:			
Accounts receivable (net)	(815,810)	57,105	(758,705)
Accounts payable	(211,706)	69,633	(142,073)
Accrued wages and benefits	12,823	14,814	27,637
ERIP payable	(42,279)	-	(42,279)
Landfill postclosure liability	(27,260)	-	(27,260)
Deferred revenue	15,173	-	15,173
Other assets and liabilities	(49,507)	(38,092)	(87,599)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 13,265,778	\$ 751,566	\$ 14,017,344

# **SWACO**

# Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

#### Noncash capital and related financing activities (Operating Fund):

Amortization of premiums on bonds payable of \$516,481. Amortization of debt issuance cost \$123,407.

Amortization of reacquisition cost on refunding bonds of \$64,800.

Change in carrying value of investments resulting in a gain of \$103,099.

Impairment of long-lived assets resulting in a loss of \$6,100,146.

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# 1. Organization

SWACO (the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio) is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio established in 1989 to develop and implement a comprehensive solid waste management plan for the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (the "District," principally Franklin County, but also including parts of five adjacent counties). SWACO is governed by a nine-member Board of Trustees appointed pursuant to statute. The Board consists of two members appointed by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners (the "County"), two members appointed by the City of Columbus (the "City"), and additional members representing the County Board of Health, townships within SWACO, waste generators and the general public. As a governmental authority, SWACO is exempt from federal, state and local taxes. SWACO operates autonomously from the County and City, and the County and City have no financial responsibility for the operations of SWACO.

SWACO operates a sanitary landfill (the "Sanitary Landfill") and three solid waste transfer facilities supported by tipping fees charged for solid waste disposal and transfer services at these facilities. SWACO also provides recycling programs, yard waste composting services, public education programs, and other activities to reduce the generation and disposal of solid waste within SWACO's jurisdiction. SWACO's waste-reduction activities are supported by a \$5.00 per-ton waste Generation Fee levied on all solid waste generated within the District.

The Sanitary Landfill was purchased from Franklin County in 1991. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("OEPA") approved a modification to the original County permit in 1997 increasing disposal capacity by approximately 49 million cubic yards (from 10.7 million cubic yards) and increasing the landfill acreage to 363 acres from approximately 116 acres. The modified permit allowed both vertical and horizontal expansion of the landfill. In 2008, SWACO submitted an application to the OEPA to further modify the permit to change the configuration of the landfill and further increase capacity. The modification was approved by the OEPA in 2009 and added approximately 3.5 million cubic yards of disposal capacity (see Note 5 – Closure/ Postclosure Funds Held by Trustee). SWACO estimates that it has sufficient landfill capacity to service the needs of the District for at least 25 years.

In 1993, SWACO leased a 90-megawatt solid waste resource recovery facility (the Waste-to-Energy Facility or "WTEF") and three related waste transfer facilities from the City (see Note 11 – Capital Lease Obligation). The WTEF was closed in November 1994 due to SWACO's inability to generate revenues sufficient to operate the facility. SWACO continues to operate two of the three waste transfer facilities and has converted a portion of the closed WTEF into an additional transfer facility.

As part of the purchase of the currently operating landfill, SWACO also acquired the Model Landfill, the County's closed former landfill. The Model Landfill has been closed since 1985, and SWACO assumed ongoing monitoring and closure requirements for the landfill when it was transferred from the County. In 1999, SWACO leased the landfill to a private entity to develop a public golf course on the site as part of a project to remediate the landfill cap.

SWACO derives its revenue principally from fees levied on the disposal of solid waste. SWACO collects these fees in two ways: 1) tipping fees charged for solid waste disposal and waste transfer services provided at SWACO facilities; and 2) fees assessed on all solid waste generated within the District. These fees are established pursuant to authorization within the Ohio Revised Code

("ORC") and agreements established with private landfill owners. SWACO had one customer which accounted for approximately 37.0% of SWACO's total operating revenues for the year ended December 31, 2010.

The accompanying financial statements comply with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, and Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, in that the statements include all organizations, activities, and functions for which SWACO (the reporting entity) is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the appointment of a voting majority of a legally separate organization and either SWACO's ability to impose its will over the organization's governing body or the possibility that the organization will provide a financial benefit to, or impose a financial burden on, SWACO. There are no potential component units that meet the criteria imposed by GASB Statement No. 14 or GASB Statement No. 39 included in SWACO's reporting entity.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies followed in preparation of these financial statements are summarized below. The accounting policies and financial reporting practices of SWACO conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for governmental units as prescribed in the statements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other recognized authoritative sources.

Measurement focus and basis of accounting: SWACO's funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus, and the financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, revenue is recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when incurred.

*Proprietary Fund:* SWACO operates as an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis which are financed or recovered primarily through user charges or to report any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services, regardless of whether the government intends to fully recover the cost of the goods or services provided.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of SWACO are charges to customers for disposal fees.

Basis of presentation: SWACO reports the following major proprietary funds:

The *Operating Fund* receives all income derived from the operations of SWACO's landfill and waste transfer facilities including tipping fees, waste transfer fees, investment income, and certain other revenues. Revenues are used to support the operations of SWACO's solid waste facilities and to pay certain costs of discontinued operations of SWACO. Operating Fund revenues are derived primarily from rates and charges established pursuant to ORC Section 343.08.

Within the Operating Fund, SWACO segregates revenues and expenses for Continuing Operations (primarily the Sanitary Landfill and transfer stations) from Discontinued Operations (the WTEF) to allow management to more easily focus on operating results from ongoing operations. Additionally, certain revenues within the Operating Fund are dedicated to the payment of the WTEF lease obligation (Note 11 – Capital Lease Obligation) and may not be used for other purposes. The separation of the Operating Fund into Continuing and Discontinued Operations is shown in the supplemental schedules beginning on page 2-50.

The *Program Fund* receives Generation Fees authorized by ORC Section 3734.57 paid on waste generated in the Solid Waste District and disposed of at SWACO's landfill or out-of-district landfills. Revenues are used only to support solid waste recycling, reuse, and reduction programs operated by SWACO in implementation of SWACO's solid waste plan. The Program Fund also includes grant revenues and expenses for grants received from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Interfund charges shown in the Program Fund under operating expenses are comprised of charges to the Program Fund for administrative and operational support.

Cash and cash equivalents: SWACO considers all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. SWACO follows GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*, and discloses custodial, credit, and interest rate risks associated with cash and investments.

Investments: In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools, investments are carried at fair value, including accrued interest receivable. Unrealized gains and losses resulting from changes in fair value are reported as adjustments to investment income. SWACO does not invest in any form of derivatives or reverse repurchase agreements. SWACO's cash and investments are discussed in more detail in Note 3 (Cash and Investments).

Accounts receivable: SWACO extends credit to public and private customers of the landfill, transfer stations, and other SWACO facilities and reports amounts owed to SWACO net of any allowance for bad debts. Accounts receivable also includes amounts owed by private transfer stations and landfills for solid waste received at the facilities, generated within the boundaries of SWACO and subject to the Generation Fee and Waiver Fee.

Restricted Assets: As discussed further in Note 4 (Restricted Assets), certain SWACO assets are restricted for debt service, capital projects, by State law, or for other purposes. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for a particular purpose, it is SWACO's policy to use restricted resources first.

Landfill and Property, Plant, and Equipment: SWACO records asset acquisitions at cost and provides for depreciation in amounts adequate to amortize cost over the estimated useful lives of the assets using a straight-line method for financial reporting purposes, except for its landfill, which is depleted using a units-of-production method.

Maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are charged to expense as incurred, while major renewals and betterments are capitalized. The cost and related accumulated depreciation of assets sold or otherwise disposed of are removed from the related accounts, and resulting gains or losses are reflected in income.

*Vacation and sick leave:* A liability for vacation and sick leave is included in accrued wages and benefits. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, this liability includes accumulated vacation time and vested sick leave computed using employee wage rates in effect at December 31.

*Bond premiums:* Bond premiums are included in bonds payable and are amortized over the term of the bonds using the effective interest rate method.

Bond issuance cost and deferred amounts on refundings: Costs relating to issuing bonds and deferred amounts on refundings are netted against the outstanding bonds, as a liability valuation account, and are amortized over the term of the bond issue using the effective interest rate method.

Net Assets: Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets. Any unspent capital related debt proceeds do not reduce Net assets Invested in capital assets, net of related debt. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are external restrictions imposed on their use, either contractually, by debt covenant, or by statute.

Application of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statements and Interpretations: In accordance with GASB Statement No. 20, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting, SWACO is required to apply FASB statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, and has elected not to apply those issued after that date.

New accounting pronouncements: In June 2010, the GASB issued Statement No. 59, Financial Instruments Omnibus. This statement is to update and improve existing standards regarding financial reporting and disclosure requirements of certain financial instruments and external investment pools for which significant issues have been identified in practice. The provisions of this statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2010. We are currently assessing the potential impact of the adoption of this statement on SWACO's financial statements.

In November 2010, the GASB issued Statement No. 60, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Service Concession Arrangements*. This statement is to address issues related to service concession arrangements (SCAs), which are a type of public-private or public-public partnership. The provisions of this statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The adoption of this statement is not expected to have an impact on SWACO's financial statements.

In November 2010, the GASB issued Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus*. This statement is to modify certain requirements for inclusion of component units in the financial reporting entity. The provisions of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2012. The adoption of this statement is not expected to have an impact on SWACO's financial statements.

In December 2010, the GASB issued Statement No. 62, Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements. This statement is to incorporate into the GASB's authoritative literature certain accounting and financial reporting guidance that is included in the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, which does not conflict or contradict GASB pronouncements. The provisions of this statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The adoption of this statement is not expected to have an impact on SWACO's financial statements.

Subsequent Events: Subsequent events are defined as events or transactions that occur after the statement of financial position date, but before the financial statements are issued or available to be issued. Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 7, 2011, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

*Use of estimates:* The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Estimates also affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 3. Cash and Investments

SWACO pools its cash and investments except for funds held by a trustee for landfill closure/postclosure care and funds held in escrow.

Deposits: Ohio Law requires that deposits be placed in eligible banks or savings and loan associations located in Ohio. Any public depository in which SWACO places deposits must pledge as collateral eligible securities of aggregate market value equal to the excess of deposits not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The securities pledged as collateral are pledged to a pool for each individual financial institution in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of all public deposits held by each institution. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are limited to obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of any state, county, municipal corporation, or other legally constituted authority of any other state or any instrumentality of such county, municipal corporation or other authority.

At December 31, 2010, the carrying amounts of SWACO's deposits were \$10,775,897, while the bank balances were \$11,394,903. Of the bank deposits, \$1,780,512 was insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and \$9,614,391 was uninsured and collateralized by collateral pools held by the financial institutions and not in the name of SWACO.

*Investments:* SWACO has adopted a formal investment policy in accordance with Section 135 of the ORC, the "Uniform Depository Act." Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment policy. Maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet SWACO's cash flow needs and return on investment are secondary goals of the policy. SWACO does not purchase any form of derivative.

In accordance with the ORC and SWACO's investment policy, SWACO is authorized to invest in: 1) bonds, notes, or other obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States, or those for which the faith of the United States is pledged for the payment of principal and interest; 2) bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality; 3) certificates of deposit purchased from qualified banks and savings and loans; 4) bond and other obligations of the State of Ohio; 5) no-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions; 6) the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio managed by the Treasurer of the State of Ohio (STAR Ohio); and 7) subject to certain restrictions and limitations, short-term commercial paper and bankers acceptances.

STAR Ohio: SWACO invests in STAR Ohio, a highly liquid investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office with participation restricted to subdivisions of the State of Ohio. STAR Ohio is restricted to investing in securities authorized under ORC Section 135.143. STAR Ohio is not registered with the Securities Exchange Commission as an investment company, but does operate in a manner generally consistent with Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price, which is equal to SWACO's pro rata share of the fair value per share.

Money Market Mutual Funds: The Money Market Mutual Funds consist of overnight investments with a financial institution in an open-end, institutional money market fund complying with SEC Rule 2a-7 and investing only in U.S. government or agency securities pursuant to SWACO's investment policy. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 31 these amounts are classified as investments but are not categorized.

*Interest Rate Risk*: It is SWACO's policy to manage interest rate risk by targeting the duration of the portfolio. Management of interest rate risk is an integral part of an overall process that addresses total return, reinvestment risk, interest rate risk and credit risk.

Credit Risk: It is SWACO's policy to invest only in securities rated in the highest rating category (AAA/Aaa or A-1+/P-1/F1+) by at least one of the nationally recognized rating agencies (Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service, and Fitch). SWACO's investment in federal agency coupon or discount securities meet this criteria. STAR Ohio's investments in U.S. Agencies and the money market funds were rated AAA and AAAm, respectively, by Standard & Poor's and Aaa by Moody's Investor Services. Investments in U.S. government treasury securities are not considered to have credit risk.

SWACO reports its investments at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31. SWACO recorded an unrealized gain of \$142,991 as of December 31, 2010, which represents the difference between fair value and the carrying value as of that date. Fair value was determined using quoted market prices. The following chart summarizes SWACO's cash and investments at fair market value as of December 31, 2010:

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#### Cash and Investments at December 31, 2010

		Maturity	in Years
Operating and Program Funds	Fair Value	Less than 1	1 to 3
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 10,775,897	\$ 10,775,897	\$ -
Money market mutual funds/sweep acct.	1,403,595	1,403,595	· -
Federal agency securities	2,534,278	1,538,388	995,890
U.S. Treasury notes	2,520,920	1,507,095	1,013,825
Cash on hand	2,400	2,400	-
STAR Ohio	5	5	-
	17,237,095	15,227,380	2,009,715
Closure/Postclosure Trust Fund			
Money market mutual funds	136,846	136,846	-
U.S. Treasury notes	14,676,748	1,763,809	12,912,939
Federal agency securities	6,213,704	1,581,707	4,631,997
	21,027,298	3,482,362	17,544,936
Totals	\$ 38,264,393	\$ 18,709,742	\$19,554,651

#### Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to Statement of Net Assets

Per Statement of Net Assets	Operating Fund	Program Fund	Total		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,599,827	\$ -	\$ 5,599,827		
Restricted cash	5,979,708	602,362	6,582,070		
Investments	5,055,198	-	5,055,198		
Closure/postclosure funds held by trustee:					
Investments	21,027,298		21,027,298		
Totals	\$ 37,662,031	\$ 602,362	\$ 38,264,393		

Concentration of Credit Risk: SWACO's investment policy limits the amount that may be invested with any one issuer to fifty percent of the total portfolio. As of December 31, 2010, investments in the following issuers exceeded five percent of the portfolio: U.S. Treasury Notes (48%), JP Morgan Chase High Balance Savings Account (27%), FNMA Notes (11%), FHLB Notes (6%), and FFCB Notes (5%).

As further discussed in Note 4 (Restricted Assets), cash in the amount of \$5,979,708 in the Operating fund and \$602,362 in the Program Fund were restricted at December 31, 2010 for debt service, capital projects, by State law, or for other purposes.

#### 4. Restricted Assets

Restricted Cash: In the Operating Fund these funds include debt service accounts, the capital improvements account (bond proceeds), and funds dedicated to the payment of the WTEF lease (see Note 11 – Capital Lease Obligation). In the Program Fund restricted cash is unexpended Generation Fees collected by SWACO that are restricted by State statute for the purpose of solid waste recycling, reuse, and reduction programs and implementation of SWACO's solid waste plan.

Other restricted assets include generation and waiver fees receivable. Restricted assets are reduced by bonds payable related to the capital improvements account.

#### **Restricted Net Assets**

	 Operating Fund	Program Fund		 Total	
Cash					
Capital projects account	\$ 5,967,367	\$	-	\$ 5,967,367	
Bond retirement account	(348,051)		-	(348,051)	
Unexpended generation fees	360,392		602,362	962,754	
Total restricted cash	5,979,708		602,362	6,582,070	
Waiver and generation fees receivable	414,184		414,650	828,834	
Less bonds payable related to capital projects					
account	(5,967,367)		-	(5,967,367)	
Less amounts payable from restricted assets	 (182,128)		(484,445)	 (666,573)	
Other restricted net assets	\$ 244,397	\$	532,567	\$ 776,964	

#### 5. Closure/Postclosure Funds Held by Trustee

In 1995, SWACO established a trust fund (the "Fund") with U.S. Bank for the benefit of the OEPA under OEPA rules applicable to SWACO requiring the owner or operator of a solid waste facility to provide financial assurance that funds will be available when needed for final closure, postclosure care, and/or corrective measures of the facility when the landfill stops accepting waste (either when at maximum capacity or if closed for other reasons). The amount to be funded for the financial assurance instrument, which is established in the landfill permit, and is subject to change due to inflation or other factors, is based on the maximum exposure of unclosed landfill area allowed in the permit and is calculated differently than SWACO's Landfill Closure Cost estimate for purposes of GASB Statement No. 18 (see Note 12 – Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs). The amount to be funded for the financial assurance estimate is paid in annual installments over a maximum twenty-year pay-in period. Annual payments have been made by SWACO in recent years and are calculated by dividing the financial assurance requirement less cash and investments in the Fund as of the calculation date by the number of years remaining in the pay-in period (six years as of December 31, 2010).

The required Fund payment due and paid in April 2011 was \$16,000.

The Fund is restricted by the Director of the OEPA, and SWACO invests in those securities authorized by the ORC and SWACO's investment policy (see Note 3 – Cash and Investments). All amounts earned by the investments are reinvested in the Fund.

#### 6. Capital Assets

The Sanitary Landfill, buildings and equipment are stated at cost and updated for the cost of additions and retirements during the year. It is SWACO's policy to capitalize items costing in excess of \$10,000 with a useful life greater than one year.

The cost of buildings and equipment is depreciated using a straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of 10 to 20 years for buildings and 5 to 10 years for equipment.

The Firm Green Energy Center facility is no longer in operation and is not expected to generate any future cash flows, which resulted in an impairment of the asset of \$3.4 million. It was believed that the potential revenue generation from a gas project was likely enough to justify the carrying value of the asset at the recorded value. It is, however, unlikely that the project will be implemented as originally conceived and the decision was made to proceed with the impairment adjustment. The carrying value of the building and equipment as of December 31, 2010 is \$1,000,000.

SWACO also recorded an impairment of \$2.7 million relating to the facility at 2512 Jackson Pike, commonly known as the RASTRA building. The project for which the building was originally intended was not implemented. The building has been unoccupied resulting in the impairment adjustment. The carrying value of the building as of December 31, 2010 is \$800,000.

Landfill development costs (land acquisition, engineering, construction and other direct costs associated with the permitting, development, and construction of landfill capacity) are capitalized and depleted based on the percentage of permitted capacity used during the year. Depletion is calculated based on cubic yards of solid waste disposed and placed in the landfill as measured through an annual aerial survey. Costs associated with development of the entire landfill site are depleted based on the percentage of total permitted capacity used (approximately 42.0% as of December 31, 2010). Costs associated with the development and construction of horizontal expansion cells are depleted based on the percentage of horizontal capacity used (12.9% as of December 31, 2010).

Landfill depletion expense for 2010 is reported at \$10,351,506, approximately \$6.2 million increase over the prior year. A significant decrease in the settlement amount resulting in a corresponding increase in airspace used, addition of the entrance project (\$6 million) and the increase in estimated future liner costs all contributed to the depletion calculation for 2010.

SWACO's current entrance is being impacted due to the construction at London-Groveport Road and I-71, and due to limited access in the future, SWACO has planned to relocate its main entrance west of the current entrance.

As of the end of 2010 SWACO estimates total landfill development costs at approximately \$178.6 million, including approximately \$56.0 million expended through 2010 (including construction in progress) and approximately \$122.6 million estimated future costs to be expended over the remaining life of the landfill. SWACO recognized total accumulated depletion of \$42.8 million as of December 31, 2010, leaving an estimate of \$135.8 million in depletion expense over the remaining life of the landfill.

A summary of capital assets at December 31, 2010 is shown on the following page.

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# **Summary of Capital Assets at December 31, 2010**

Operating Fund	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				-
Land and land improvements	\$ 12,711,459	\$ -	\$ (2)	\$ 12,711,457
Construction in progress	4,341,397	7,847,150	(8,630,767)	3,557,780
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	17,052,856	7,847,150	(8,630,769)	16,269,237
Capital assets, being depreciated/depleted:				
Equipment and furnishings	23,247,829	2,144,740	(3,813,761)	21,578,808
Building and improvements	5,020,683	4,045,892	(2,718,346)	6,348,229
Transfer stations	8,017,765	1,515	-	8,019,280
Sanitary landfill	51,086,476	4,518,565	-	55,605,041
Total capital assets, being				
depreciated/depleted	87,372,753	10,710,712	(6,532,107)	91,551,358
Less accumulated depreciation/depletion for:				
Equipment and furnishing	(11,786,718)	(2,161,869)	431,961	(13,516,626)
Building and improvements	(1,395,528)	(295,487)	431,901	(1,691,015)
Transfer stations	(6,185,329)	(543,076)	-	(6,728,405)
Sanitary landfill	(32,486,271)	(10,351,506)	_	(42,837,777)
Samtary fandrin	(32,460,271)	(10,331,300)		(42,637,777)
Total accumulated depreciation/depletion	(51,853,846)	(13,351,938)	431,961	(64,773,823)
Total capital assets, being deprec./depl., net	35,518,907	(2,641,226)	(6,100,146)	26,777,535
Total capital assets, net	\$ 52,571,763	\$ 5,205,924	\$(14,730,915)	\$ 43,046,772
Program Fund	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Equipment and furnishings	\$ 691,879	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 691,879
Building and improvements	1,210,214	Ψ -	Ψ -	1,210,214
Building and improvements	1,210,214			1,210,214
Total capital assets, being depreciated	1,902,093			1,902,093
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment and furnishing	(652,759)	(17,403)		(670,162)
Building and improvements	(505,634)	(58,040)	-	(563,674)
bunding and improvements	(303,034)	(30,040)		(303,074)
Total accumulated depreciation	(1,158,393)	(75,443)		(1,233,836)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	\$ 743,700	\$ (75,443)	\$ -	\$ 668,257

#### 7. Capital Lease Receivable

In 2005, SWACO purchased for approximately \$1.6 million a building housing a non-hazardous oily waste water processing facility (the "Facility") located on land leased to the owner of the facility by SWACO. SWACO then entered into an agreement with the former owner to lease the building from SWACO. In 2007, SWACO purchased for approximately \$3.3 million the oily waste water processing equipment located in the building and amended the lease to include the equipment. Lease payments under the amended lease were equal to SWACO's debt service requirements on the building and equipment plus 1/2 of one percent (the base rent). In addition, the lessee was required to provide certain waste processing services to SWACO at no additional cost to SWACO (the supplemental rent). The lease was for a term of ten years, subject to earlier termination if the lessee prepays the lease. At the end of the lease, title to the building and equipment would have passed to the lessee.

Beginning in January 2010, the lessee of the Facility defaulted, and was unable to pay the monthly rent due under the lease agreement. On June 15, 2010, the lease agreement was amended to provide the lessee with a reduced monthly rental obligation. Under the new lease, payments are \$25,000 per month (\$300,000 per year), with a balloon payment due on June 15, 2012 of approximately \$5,100,000.

Upon execution of the lease amendment, the lease receivable was adjusted to reflect the balance of the amended minimum lease payments receivable with the adjustment recorded to unearned lease revenue. Interest income under the lease for the year ended December 31, 2010 approximated \$103,000.

Future minimum lease payments receivable together with the present value of the net minimum lease payments receivable as of December 31, 2010 are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	<u>Amount</u>	
2011	\$	300,000
2012		5,218,100
Total minimum lease payments receivable		5,518,100
Less amount representing interest		303,150
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$	5,214,950

Upon payment of the Principal Payment Due as defined in the Payment Schedule, the lessee shall have the option to purchase the Facility from SWACO for \$1. So long as the lessee is in all respects compliant with the terms and conditions of the modified lease agreement, it may, at any time prior to June 15, 2012, pay to SWACO an amount equal to the Principal Payment due without incurring any penalty for the early payment, and shall have the option to purchase the Facility from SWACO for \$1.

#### 8. Retirement Commitments

*Plan description.* SWACO contributes to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System ("OPERS"). Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute (Chapter 145 of the ORC). The OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. Interested parties may obtain a copy by making written requests to OPERS at 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

OPERS administers three separate pension plans:

- 1. The Traditional Pension Plan a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan.
- 2. The Member-Directed Plan a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20% per year). Under the Member-Directed Plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of member and (vested) employer contributions plus any investment earnings.
- 3. The Combined Plan a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. Under the Combined Plan, OPERS invests employer contributions to provide a formula retirement benefit similar in nature to, but less than, the Traditional Pension Plan benefit. Member contributions, the investment of which is self-directed by the members, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost-of-living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans. In addition, OPERS provides a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying members of the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage.

In order to qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have 10 or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is also available. The health care coverage provided by the retirement system is considered an Other Post-employment Benefit ("OPEB") as described in GASB Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits other than Pensions.

The ORC permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide OPEB benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the ORC.

Funding policy. The ORC provides statutory authority for employee and employer contributions. For 2010, member contribution rates were consistent across all three plans. The 2010 employee contribution rate for members in local government was 10.0%. It is SWACO's policy to pay 8.0% of the employee contribution for full time employees hired prior to January 1, 2009. Employees hired after January 1, 2009 contribute the entire 10% employee share. The 2010 employer contribution rate for local government employer units was 14.0% of covered payroll.

The ORC currently limits the employer contribution to a rate not to exceed 14.0% of covered payroll for local government employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

SWACO's contribution to OPERS, representing 100.0% of employer contributions, and amounts paid by employees or by SWACO on behalf of employees have been as follows for the past four years:

	Employee share	Employee share	Employer share	Total paid by
	paid by employees	paid by SWACO	paid by SWACO	SWACO
2010	\$ 184,127	\$ 393,287	\$ 815,084	\$ 1,208,371
2009	109,937	471,831	811,121	1,282,952
2008	100,190	513,085	856,967	1,370,052
2007	61,560	376,290	639,372	1,015,662

The ORC provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund post retirement health care through their contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside for the funding of post retirement health care benefits.

OPERS' Post-Employment Health Care Plan was established under, and is administered in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code 401(h). Each year, the OPERS Board of Trustees determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for funding of post employment health care benefits. The employer contribution allocated to health care for members in the Traditional Plan was 5.5% of the covered payroll from January 1 through February 28, 2010 and 5.0% of the covered payroll from March 1 through December 31, 2010. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Combined Plan was 4.73% from January 1 through February 28, 2010, and 4.23% from March 1 through December 31, 2010. The OPERS Board of Trustees is also authorized to establish rules for the payment of a portion of the health care benefits provided by the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The rates stated above are the actuarially determined contribution requirements to OPERS. SWACO's contributions to OPERS to fund post-employment benefits were approximately \$295,000 for 2010.

The Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) adopted by the OPERS Board of Trustees on September 9, 2004, was effective on January 1, 2007. Member and employer contribution rates for state and local employers increased January 1 of each year from 2006 to 2008. These rate increases allowed additional funds to be allocated to the health care plan

GASB Statement No. 45 requires disclosure of other post employment benefits. SWACO provides no post-employment benefits other than those provided through OPERS. The liability for past service costs at the time OPERS was established was assumed by the State of Ohio; therefore, it is not a liability of SWACO.

#### 9. Employee Retirement Incentive Plan

In March 2009, the Board of Trustees authorized SWACO to offer an Ohio Public Employees Retirement System Early Retirement Incentive Plan (the "Plan") to eligible employees. The commencement date of the plan was May 5, 2009, and the ending date was May 5, 2010.

Eligibility was defined by age and service requirements, with a maximum 5-year service credit to be purchased by SWACO.

A total of 18 employees elected to retire utilizing the Plan benefit. The total cost of the Plan was approximately \$2,500,000, and will be paid in five annual installments of approximately \$568,000, for total cost with interest of approximately \$2,880,000. SWACO recorded an expense of approximately \$572,000 in 2010 for employees who elected to participate in the Plan between January 1, 2010 and May 5, 2010, which is the ending date of the Plan. This expense is included in salaries, wages and benefits. Interest expense related to the ERIP in 2010 was \$127,740.

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# 10. Debt Management

SWACO's outstanding long-term debt is summarized in the following table (excludes related premiums and costs of issuance):

#### Outstanding Notes and Bonds as of December 31, 2010

					Principal
				В	alance as of
				D	ecember 31,
Issue	Amount Issued	Maturities	Interest Rates		2010
Series 2004A	\$ 57,205,000	2004-2019	3.00%-5.00%	\$	35,500,000
Series 2004B	29,670,000	2006-2025	3.50%-5.00%		16,370,000
Series 2005	6,750,000	2006-2012	3.00%-3.50%		2,075,000
Series 2005 refunding	12,320,000	2008-2017	5.00%		9,315,000
Series 2008	19,975,000	2010-2028	4.00%-5.20%		19,970,000
Series 2010	15,590,000	2012-2029	2.00%-5.70%		15,590,000
Subtotal, G.O. Bonds				\$	98,820,000
Taxable Bond Anticipation					
Notes, Series 2010	3,520,000	2011	1.875%		3,520,000
Taxable Revenue Notes	•				
Series 2010	4,670,000	2011	1.875%		4,670,000
Subtotal, notes payable					\$ 8,190,000

Series 2004A Bonds. SWACO issued \$57.2 million general obligation bonds in 2004 to refinance a portion of the WTEF lease as discussed in Note 12. Although the bonds are general obligations of SWACO secured by a pledge to levy ad valorem property taxes, SWACO expects to pay debt service on the bonds from Retired Facility Fees and Waiver Fees collected by SWACO (see Note 12).

*Series 2004B Bonds*. In 2004, SWACO also issued \$29.7 million fixed-rate general obligation bonds to finance SWACO's 2004-2005 capital improvements plan, including landfill construction, property acquisition, and certain other solid waste facility improvements.

*Series 2005 Bonds*. In 2005, SWACO issued \$6,750,000 fixed-rate general obligation bonds to fund the purchase of the heavy equipment required to operate the landfill. Prior to this purchase, contractors responsible for the daily operation of the landfill provided the necessary equipment.

Series 2005 Refunding Bonds. In March 1997, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners issued \$20 million in general obligation bonds on behalf of SWACO (the Series 1997 Bonds). The proceeds of the bonds were used to fund SWACO's capital improvements program, including land acquisition and engineering for development of the expanded landfill, and other improvements to the landfill and transfer stations. SWACO entered into a repayment agreement with the County and collateralized the repayment by granting to the County a mortgage in the landfill real property, a security interest in the personal property associated with the landfill, and an assignment of rents, permits and licenses.

On October 26, 2005, the County issued \$12.3 million in general obligation bonds (the Series 2005 Refunding Bonds) as part of a \$41.0 million various purpose issue to advance refund \$12.6 million of the outstanding Series 1997 Bonds (the 2008-2017 callable maturities; the 2006 and 2007 maturities were not callable). The Series 2005 Refunding Bonds are secured in the same manner as the Series 1997 Bonds.

The net proceeds of the Series 2005 Refunding Bonds were used to fund an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments on the callable portion of the Series 1997 Bonds. In 2007, the Series 1997 Bonds maturing in 2008 through 2017 were called and retired using the funds on deposit with the escrow agent.

*Series 2008 Bonds.* In December 2008, SWACO issued \$20.0 million fixed-rate general obligation bonds to refund the Series 2008 Bond Anticipation Notes and to provide additional funds for SWACO's 2006-2009 capital improvements plan, including landfill construction, property acquisition, and certain other solid waste facility improvements.

*Series 2010 Bonds.* In July 2010, SWACO issued \$15,590,000 in general obligation bonds to fund capital projects and acquisitions related to the ongoing operation and maintenance of the landfill and transfer stations per the 2010 capital improvements plan.

It is anticipated that that debt service on the Series 2004B, Series 2005, Series 2008, and Series 2010 bonds will be paid from SWACO's tipping fees or other sources of revenues. However, as is the case with the series 2004A bonds, the Series 2004B, Series 2005, Series 2008, and Series 2010 Bonds are general obligation bonds secured by a pledge to levy ad valorem property taxes.

The following table summarizes SWACO's annual debt service requirements to maturity for its general obligation bonds (including general obligation bonds issued by Franklin County on behalf of SWACO) and outstanding as of December 31, 2010 categorized by source of debt service payment.

			Paid from	Retired		
	Paid from T	ipping Fees	Facility/Wa	aiver Fees		
	Series 2004E	3, 2005, 2005				
	Refunding, 20	008 and 2010	Series 2	2004A	To	tal
Year ended						
December 31,	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2011	\$5,205,000	\$2,716,119	\$3,530,000	\$1,766,150	\$8,735,000	\$4,482,269
2012	4,380,000	2,483,005	3,710,000	1,589,650	8,090,000	4,072,655
2013	3,520,000	2,329,642	3,895,000	1,404,150	7,415,000	3,733,792
2014	3,675,000	2,190,442	4,090,000	1,209,400	7,765,000	3,399,842
2015-2019	17,620,000	8,551,695	20,275,000	2,767,750	37,895,000	11,319,445
2020-2024	16,220,000	5,120,193	-	-	16,220,000	5,120,193
2025-2029	12,700,000	1,476,870	-	-	12,700,000	1,476,870
Total	\$63,320,000	\$24,867,966	\$35,500,000	\$8,737,100	\$98,820,000	\$33,605,066

Series 2010 Solid Waste Facilities Taxable Revenue Notes. In 2005, SWACO issued \$1,559,250 Variable Rate Taxable Notes to acquire a building used as a oily waste-water processing facility. In 2007, SWACO purchased additional assets at the facility at a cost of approximately \$3.3 million and issued \$4,900,000 in Variable Rate Taxable Notes to fund the acquisition and refund the Series 2005 taxable notes (see Note 7 – Capital Lease Receivable). The Series 2007 Notes mature in 2017 with principal payments beginning in 2008. Interest on the notes is set at the one month LIBOR rate (London Interbank Offered Rate) plus 100 basis points (1.0%). The notes, which are not general obligations of SWACO, are secured by a pledge of lease payments from the operator of the facility and SWACO's Generation Fees. Although Generation Fees have not been used to pay the debt service on the taxable notes, if necessary up to 5.0% of Generation Fee income would be required for this purpose through 2017.

At the same time the Series 2007 Variable Rate Taxable Notes were issued, SWACO entered into a five-year interest rate swap in connection with the notes. The purpose of the swap was to mitigate against the risk of rising interest rates by effectively changing SWACO's variable interest rate on the notes to a synthetic fixed rate of 5.71% for a period of five years.

On March 26, 2010, The Huntington National Bank ("HNB") notified SWACO, pursuant to the "Put Notice" in the \$4,900,000 Series 2007 Variable Rate Taxable Notes that HNB would require SWACO to purchase the Notes on October 1, 2010 for an amount equal to the principal amount outstanding plus accrued interest, \$4,316,629. On August 18, 2010, SWACO issued \$4,670,000 Taxable Revenue Notes to purchase the 2007 notes and terminate the swap agreement. The maturity date of the notes is August 25, 2011 and the interest rate is 1.875% per annum. The note proceeds were used to retire the outstanding principal and interest on the \$4,900,000 note and terminate the swap agreement.

Series 2010 Taxable Bond Anticipation Notes. In January 2008, The Huntington National Bank ("HNB") and RASTRA Ohio, Inc. ("RASTRA") entered into an agreement under which HNB issued an irrevocable letter of credit in connection with the issuance by Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority (CFCFA) of \$4.0 million of revenue bonds. The bonds were issued for the purpose of financing the construction of a building to be used for the manufacturing of building panels from recycled polystyrene (the Project); the building was sited on property SWACO leases from the City of Columbus. As an inducement to HNB's issuance of the letter of credit, SWACO executed a Purchase Obligation, Pledge and Security Agreement (the Agreement) dated January 1, 2008 between the SWACO, RASTRA and HNB wherein SWACO agreed, upon the event of a default by RASTRA and a subsequent draw on the HNB letter of credit, to reimburse HNB through the issuance of SWACO notes or bonds. In return, SWACO would take ownership of the Project building.

In November 2009, RASTRA defaulted on the Project and HNB provided SWACO with notice to perform under the Purchase Obligation, Pledge and Security Agreement. On December 14, 2009, SWACO issued a \$3,500,000 *Solid Waste Facilities Revenue Bond Anticipation Note, Series* 2009 in favor of HNB. The maturity date of the Note was June 14, 2010. On June 2, 2010, SWACO issued \$3,520,000 *Series 2010 Taxable Bond Anticipation Notes* to retire the 2009 note. The maturity date of the notes is June 9, 2011 and the interest rate is 1.875% per annum. The note proceeds were used to retire the \$3,500,000 note and pay accrued interest and issuance costs.

SWACO expects to refinance the Notes with the sale of taxable one-year notes issued in June 2011. The Project is currently being actively marketed for lease or sale.

Legal Debt Margins. SWACO's debt is not subject to direct debt limitations, but its unvoted general obligation debt (debt authorized by SWACO's Board of Trustees but not by a vote of the electors) is subject to overlapping debt restrictions with other political subdivisions. These limitations apply to each overlapping county, municipal corporation, school district or other issuing authority. Limitations apply to each county total and are not considered cumulatively. Total debt service charges for any one year of all overlapping debt may not exceed ten mills (1%) of the assessed property value within the overlapping jurisdictions. This determination is made by the respective county auditors each time a subdivision proposes to issue unvoted debt. At the time of SWACO's most recent unvoted debt issue in 2010, the maximum millage required in any overlapping jurisdictions was 7.67 mills, leaving a margin of 2.33 mills.

Summary of Debt and Long-Term Liabilities

Including the bonds and notes payable, long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2010 was as follows:

Operating and Program Funds	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
General obligation notes and bonds pay	/able				
Series 2004A	\$ 38,865,000	\$ -	\$ (3,365,000)	\$ 35,500,000	\$ 3,530,000
Series 2004B	19,270,000	-	(2,900,000)	16,370,000	3,055,000
Series 2005	3,065,000	-	(990,000)	2,075,000	1,020,000
Series 2005 Refunding	10,375,000	-	(1,060,000)	9,315,000	1,125,000
Series 2008 Bonds	19,975,000	-	(5,000)	19,970,000	5,000
Series 2010 Bonds	-	15,590,000	-	15,590,000	-
Unamortized bond premiums	2,660,891	42,915	(500,881)	2,202,925	-
Unamortized cost of issuance	(629,378)	(122,454)	102,645	(649,187)	-
Unamortized reacquisition price	(310,032)	-	64,800	(245,232)	-
Total general obligation notes and					
bonds payable, net	93,271,481	15,510,461	(8,653,436)	100,128,506	8,735,000
Notes payable					
Series 2007 Var. Rate Taxable	4,708,000	-	(4,708,000)	-	-
Promissory note	790,000	-	(790,000)	-	-
Revenue Bond Anticipation Note,	,		` ' '		
Series 2009	3,500,000	-	(3,500,000)	-	-
Taxable Bond Anticipation Notes,			, , , , , ,		
Series 2010	-	3,520,000	-	3,520,000	3,520,000
Taxable Revenue Notes,					
Series 2010	-	4,670,000	-	4,670,000	4,670,000
Unamortized note premiums	-	37,109	(15,599)	21,510	-
Unamortized cost of issuance	(6,025)	(34,896)	20,762	(20,159)	-
Total notes payable	8,991,975	8,192,213	(8,992,837)	8,191,351	8,190,000
Capital lease obligation	4,099,269	-	(2,210,486)	1,888,783	1,888,783 *
Landfill closure & postclosure					
liability	11,236,503	877,173	(27,260)	12,086,416	75,000
ERIP payable	1,463,919	571,794	(495,055)	1,540,658	443,892
Total long term liabilities	\$ 119,063,147	\$ 25,151,641	\$ (20,379,074)	\$ 123,835,714	\$ 19,332,675

<sup>\*</sup> Current portion based on amount expected to be paid as permitted under the modified lease (see Note 11).

# 11. Capital Lease Obligation

On April 1, 1993, the City of Columbus leased its solid waste resource recovery plant, the Waste-to-Energy Facility ("WTEF"), and related waste transfer stations to SWACO. Under the initial terms of the lease, SWACO agreed to make lease payments to the City in amounts equal to the debt service requirements on bonds the City issued to construct the facility and the City agreed to deliver all waste collected by the City to facilities operated or designated by SWACO. SWACO recorded an asset and capital lease obligation liability for the WTEF. The assets acquired were recorded at an estimated market value equal to the liabilities assumed.

SWACO operated the landfill and WTEF as an integrated system for approximately 18 months and attempted to implement a fee structure that would have resulted in all District waste being delivered to SWACO's facilities. This was challenged in Federal District Court and SWACO's fee structure was repealed effective September 1, 1994. The repeal of its fees resulted in the closing of the WTEF at the end of 1994 because of SWACO's inability to generate revenues sufficient to operate the facility and pay the lease obligation to the City.

Management determined that SWACO would be unable to recover the carrying value of the WTEF at the date of closure and the WTEF was written down to \$36,594,000, and a loss of \$126,248,000 was recognized. Subsequent write downs of \$30,034,000 in 1997 and \$2,627,000 in 2001, plus sale of the turbine-generator sets and other equipment located in the facility reduced the carrying value of the WTEF to \$1,121,000 as of December 31, 2005, reflecting the appraised value of usable space at the facility as of that date. In 2005, SWACO completed demolition of all but the usable portion of the facility and entered into a sublease of the remaining portion (excluding the transfer station) to a recycling business. The building used for the recycling operation was destroyed in a fire in 2008, and SWACO has since terminated the sublease.

With the repeal of its fees in 1994, SWACO was not able to meet its lease obligation to the City. In 1998, SWACO and the City reached agreement on new lease terms that included: 1) a 4.5% reduction in the lease payment obligations for the years 1995-2010; 2) deferral, with interest, of any amounts due but not paid by SWACO; 3) payment to the City of any income received by SWACO from the sublease of the facility, the sale of plant assets, pollution allowances, or other income; 4) the implementation of new fees dedicated to the payment of the lease and applied to all solid waste generated within SWACO's jurisdiction; and 5) a further 30.5% reduction in the lease obligation for each year the dedicated fee is levied and collected.

To implement the new fees, the SWACO Board adopted in 1998 a rule effective April 1, 1999, requiring that all waste generated within SWACO's jurisdiction be delivered only to a SWACO facility, unless a waiver has been granted to another facility or the waste is disposed at a facility outside the State of Ohio. The Board of Trustees authorized waivers for any landfill in Ohio provided the landfill executes a waiver agreement with SWACO and agrees to pay a Waiver Fee as prescribed in the agreement (the "Waiver Fee"). Also in 1998, the Board of Trustees established a new fee (the "Retired Facility Fee"), to be assessed at SWACO facilities effective April 1, 1999. Under the waiver agreements, the Waiver Fee is set equal to the Retired Facility Fee, (initially and through the end of 2008, \$7.00 per ton).

Since 1999, SWACO has paid 100.0% of the income derived from the Waiver Fee and Retired Facility Fees to the City. In lieu of cash payments to SWACO, Retired Facility Fees owed by the City for use of SWACO's facilities are applied directly to the lease obligation as a credit. The Waiver Fee and Retired Facility Fee revenues have not been sufficient to satisfy all of the modified lease obligation and SWACO accumulated a deferred lease obligation of \$46.3 million at the end of 2003.

As the result of a subsequent modification to the lease agreed to in 2004, SWACO issued \$57,205,000 in bonds in 2004 (the "Series 2004A Bonds") and paid the net proceeds, \$55.1 million, to the City as a payment on the lease. Debt service on the bonds will be paid from the Retired Facility and Waiver Fees collected by SWACO, excluding amounts owed by the City. Amounts due from the City will continue to be applied as a credit to the lease obligation remaining after the payment from bond proceeds. Additional cash payments to the City will be made only to the extent collections from the Retired Facility Fee and Waiver Fee exceed debt service requirements on the bonds.

As the result of the 1998 modification to the lease, SWACO recognized gains of \$50,203,271 for the years 1995-2003 representing 4.5% of the lease for the years 1995-2010 and 30.5% for the years 1995-2003. In 2004, SWACO recognized a gain of \$19,652,043 representing the remaining 30.5% reduction in the lease obligation for the years 2004-2010. The 2004 modification removed the provision of the 1998 modification which make the additional 30.5% lease reduction contingent on the continued collection of the Waiver Fee and Retired Facility Fee and accelerated the recognition of the gain into 2004. No future gains will be recognized by SWACO under the terms of the modified lease.

SWACO and the City of Columbus entered into a Ninth modification to the WTEF lease in 2008 that resulted in the replacement of the \$5.3 million debt service reserve account related to the Series 2004A bonds with a surety bond. The release of the reserve fund allowed SWACO to make supplemental lease payments to the City totaling \$5.3 million in 2008. In addition, SWACO made a supplemental lease payment to the City of \$771,000 in December 2008 from Retired Facility and Waiver Fees collected since 2004 and not needed for debt service on the Series 2004A Bonds.

In 2008, SWACO and the City further modified the lease (the Tenth Modification) to allow SWACO to increase the Retired Facility and Waiver Fee above \$7.00 per ton, and to allow SWACO to use the revenues generated by any fee increase for purposes other than paying the WTEF lease or debt service on the Series 2004A Bonds. During 2008, the SWACO Board of Trustees adopted a \$2 per ton increase in the Retired Facility and Waiver Fee effective January 1, 2009.

The following table is a schedule of the remaining minimum lease payments owed to the City if paid when due and an estimate of the actual payments expected to be made, as permitted under the modified lease.

Year Ending December 31,	As Scheduled	Estimated Actual
2011	\$1,888,783	1,890,015
Total minimum lease payments	1,888,783	1,890,015
Less: amount representing interest		(1,232)
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$ 1,888,783	\$ 1,888,783

#### 12. Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs

State and federal laws and regulations require SWACO to place a final cover on its Sanitary Landfill site when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for 30 years after closure. Although final closure and postclosure care costs will be paid only when the last phases of the landfill reach final waste elevation, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 18, *Accounting for Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs*, SWACO reports a portion of these closure and postclosure care costs as an operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each Statement of Net Assets date.

SWACO's estimate of total current cost of closure and postclosure care is \$26.6 million. This estimate includes final cover and gas collection system costs for the last two phases of the landfill construction of \$19.3 million and postclosure maintenance and monitoring costs of \$7.3 million. These amounts are estimated based on the 2010 cost to perform all closure and postclosure care. Actual costs may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations. The amount reported as Landfill Closure/postclosure liability as of December 31, 2010 includes \$11.1 million representing the cumulative amount reported based on the use of 41.8% of the estimated capacity of the landfill, including the original permit and 1997 and 2009 modifications. SWACO will recognize the remaining estimated cost of closure and postclosure care costs of approximately \$15.5 million as the remaining estimated capacity is filled.

SWACO also maintains and monitors the Model Landfill, which has been closed since 1985. The Model Landfill is not subject to the same state and federal laws and regulations as the current operating landfill. In an effort to manage postclosure costs, SWACO leased the closed landfill to a private entity in 1999 to develop a public golf course on the site, and leased the landfill gas collection system and sold the gas rights for the purpose of generating electricity. The amounts reported as Landfill Closure/postclosure care liability as of December 31, 2010 includes \$75,000 as a current liability related to monitoring, leachate treatment and gas collection costs and \$884,887 as a noncurrent liability representing the estimated cost of the future maintenance and monitoring costs at the site.

# 13. Service Agreements

SWACO entered into a modification of a yard waste composting service agreement in November 2009. The agreement was extended through December 31, 2022. Under the modified terms of the agreement, SWACO pays a quarterly service fee (beginning January 1, 2010) of \$71,250 to the service provider to accept and process yard waste delivered from the SWACO District. Operating expenses under the service agreement were \$285,000 in 2010. The future maximum service payments are \$285,000 annually from 2011 through 2022.

SWACO also entered into a modification of another yard waste composting service agreement in November 2009. The agreement was extended through December 31, 2022. Under the modified terms of the agreement, beginning January 1, 2010, SWACO pays the service provider a per-ton fee for yard waste composting services up to a maximum annual payment of \$1,200,000, to accept and process yard waste delivered from the SWACO District. Operating expenses under the service agreement were \$1,200,000 in 2010. The future maximum service payments are \$1,200,000 annually from 2011 through 2022.

#### 14. Commitments and Contingencies

As the operator of solid waste disposal and transfer facilities, SWACO is subject to environmental regulation by federal, state and local governmental authorities. These authorities have the power to enforce compliance with environmental laws and regulations and to obtain injunctions or impose fines in the case of violations. In addition, SWACO's operation of landfills subjects it to certain operational, monitoring, site maintenance, closure and postclosure obligations. As the result of this extensive regulation, SWACO may become subject to various judicial and administrative proceedings involving federal, state or local regulatory agencies. If these agencies find that SWACO's operations or facilities are not in compliance with applicable environmental regulations or operating permits, they could seek to impose fines on SWACO or to revoke or deny renewal of an operating permit held by SWACO. Failure to correct the problems to the satisfaction of the authorities could lead to curtailed operations or closure of the landfill or transfer stations.

Certain federal and state environmental laws impose strict liability on SWACO for such matters as contamination of water supplies or other environmental damage associated with its operation of solid waste facilities. If such contamination or environmental damage were to occur, the resulting cost to SWACO of corrective measures and cleanup could adversely affect SWACO's financial condition.

#### **SWACO**

# Supplemental Schedule—Operating Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets – Proprietary Fund As of December 31, 2010

#### 15. Risks and Uncertainties

SWACO is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts and general liability; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; natural disasters; errors and omissions; employee health care claims, settlement claims, and injuries to employees. Insurance policies are procured for buildings and contents and certain equipment. In addition, a crime policy is in effect which covers SWACO for employee theft and dishonesty. Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three years. SWACO purchases workers' compensation insurance through the State of Ohio to cover all employees. SWACO also provides life insurance to its employees equal to each employees' base annual salary and a short-term disability benefit. These benefits are fully insured by SWACO through third parties.

SWACO purchases property insurance for all buildings and equipment, excluding over-the-road motor vehicles. SWACO maintain \$5.0 million in general liability, public officials liability, and motor vehicle liability insurance for claims in excess of \$1.0 million. SWACO retains the risk for claims less than \$1.0 million.

SWACO provides health care benefits to its employees under agreement with Franklin County. The County provides multiple health care benefit plans that cover approximately 6,197 employees of Franklin, Pickaway and Fairfield Counties, SWACO and other Central Ohio political subdivisions. There are approximately 15,136 plan subscribers when spouses and dependents and domestic partners are counted. During 2010 these benefits included a self-insured participating provider organization medical plan, a prescription drug program, a mental health and chemical dependency program, employee assistant program (EAP) and dental and vision benefits. The program is administered by third parties which provide claims review and processing. Participating County agencies and other political subdivisions pay their proportionate shares of the premiums and actual claims processed through these programs.

The County develops annual actuarial estimates of the amounts to be paid for claims but unreported as of year-end based on its historical experience. In 2009 and 2010, the County assessed participants in the program a premium for their proportionate share of the estimated liability and SWACO did not recognize any additional liability as of December 31, 2009 and 2010.

	2009	2010
Unpaid claims at January 1	\$ -	\$ -
Incurred claims	107,280	96,300
Paid claims	(107,280)	(96,300)
Unpaid claims at December 31	\$ _	\$ -

The Comprehensive Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 requires SWACO to offer terminated or retired employees continued participation in SWACO's employee health care benefits program, provided that the employees pay the rate established by the plan administrator.

# **SWACO**

# Supplemental Schedule—Operating Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets – Proprietary Fund As of December 31, 2010

SWACO analyzes all outstanding and potential claims that have arisen or could arise due to the occurrence of a loss contingency on or before December 31, 2010. Those claims that are judged to have a high probability of requiring a settlement and for which the amount required to settle the claim is reasonably estimable are included.

	 2009	 2010
Unpaid claims at January 1	\$ 123,441	\$ 8,000
Incurred claims	68,954	65,271
Paid claims	 (184,395)	 (58,771)
Unpaid claims at December 31	\$ 8,000	\$ 14,500

# 16. Subsequent Events

In September 2010, the SWACO Board of Trustees approved a rate increase of \$3.00 per ton effective January 1, 2011, and an additional increase of \$3.00 per ton effective January 1, 2012.

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SWACO
Supplemental Schedule—Operating Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets – Proprietary Fund
As of December 31, 2010

	Operating Fund			
	Continuing	Discontinued		
<u>-</u>	Operations	Operations	Total	
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,599,827	\$ -	\$ 5,599,827	
Restricted cash	5,967,367	12,341	5,979,708	
Investments	5,055,198	-	5,055,198	
Accounts receivable, net	2,965,471	414,184	3,379,655	
Lease receivable, current portion	300,000	-	300,000	
Grants receivable	25,576	-	25,576	
Other assets	21,751		21,751	
Total current assets	19,935,190	426,525	20,361,715	
Noncurrent assets:				
Investments held by trustee for landfill				
closure/post closure care	21,027,298	-	21,027,298	
Capital assets				
Sanitary landfill, net of accumulated				
depletion	12,767,264	-	12,767,264	
Buildings and equipment, net of				
accumulated depreciation	14,010,271	-	14,010,271	
Construction in progress	3,557,780	-	3,557,780	
Land and land improvements	12,711,457	-	12,711,457	
Lease receivable, less current	7.010.100		7.210.100	
portion _	5,218,100		5,218,100	
Total noncurrent assets	69,292,170		69,292,170	
Total assets	\$ 89,227,360	\$ 426,525	\$ 89,653,885	

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SWACO
Supplemental Schedule—Operating Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets – Proprietary Fund
As of December 31, 2010

		Operating Fund		
_	Continuing	Discontinued		
<del>-</del>	Operations	Operations	Total	
Linkiliting				
<b>Liabilities</b> Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 2,264,996	\$ -	\$ 2,264,996	
Accrued wages and benefits	1,291,823	<b>J</b> -	1,291,823	
Accrued interest	755,523	147,179	902,702	
Current maturities of bonds and notes	155,525	147,179	902,702	
	12 205 000	2 520 000	16 025 000	
payable	13,395,000	3,530,000	16,925,000	
Capital lease obligation	-	1,888,783	1,888,783	
Landfill postclosure liability-current	77.000		77.000	
portion	75,000	-	75,000	
Other payables	38,092	<del>-</del>	38,092	
Total current liabilities	17,820,434	5,565,962	23,386,396	
N				
Noncurrent liabilities				
Bonds and notes payable, less current				
portion, net	58,638,142	32,756,715	91,394,857	
Landfill closure/postclosure liability	12,011,416	-	12,011,416	
ERIP payable	1,096,765		1,096,765	
Total noncurrent liabilities	71,746,323	32,756,715	104,503,038	
Total liabilities	89,566,757	38,322,677	127,889,434	
	02,200,727		127,009,131	
Net assets				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt:				
Lease obligation and bonds payable				
related to closed waste-to-energy				
facility	_	(38,175,498)	(38,175,498)	
Other capital assets, net	(18,592,771)	-	(18,592,771)	
Restricted:	(10,5)2,771)		(10,592,771)	
Closure/postclosure trust fund net of				
accrued liability – Sanitary				
Landfill	9,900,729	_	9,900,729	
Other restricted, net	(34,949)	279,346	244,397	
Unrestricted	8,387,594	417,340 -	8,387,594	
- Incontitut	0,307,334	<del></del>	0,301,394	
Total net assets	\$ (339,397)	\$ (37,896,152)	\$ (38,235,549)	

SWACO
Supplemental Schedule—Operating Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets – Proprietary Fund
As of December 31, 2010

		Operating Fund	
	Continuing	Discontinued	
	Operations	Operations	Total
Operating revenues:			
Tipping and disposal fees	\$ 21,141,470	\$ -	\$ 21,141,470
Waste transfer fees	4,441,008	-	4,441,008
Retired facility and waiver fees	2,105,239	7,367,518	9,472,757
Other	629,236	17,633	646,869
Operating revenues	28,316,953	7,385,151	35,702,104
Operating expenses:			
Salaries, wages and benefits	8,307,961	-	8,307,961
Contract, services and supplies	7,106,846	25,225	7,132,071
Solid waste fees	4,342,431	-	4,342,431
Depreciation	3,532,800	-	3,532,800
Landfill depletion	10,351,506	-	10,351,506
Landfill closing cost	877,173	-	877,173
Interfund transfers	(522,131)	(105,456)	(627,587)
Bad debt expense	10,330		10,330
Operating expenses	34,006,916	(80,231)	33,926,685
Operating income (loss)	(5,689,963)	7,465,382	1,775,419
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):			
Interest expense	(2,809,968)	(1,687,786)	(4,497,754)
ERIP interest expense	(127,740)	-	(127,740)
Interest earnings	567,425	-	567,425
Grant revenues	350,022	_	350,022
Bad debt expense	(126,893)	-	(126,893)
Gain on disposal of assets	56,245	_	56,245
Impairment of long-lived assets	(6,100,146)		(6,100,146)
Total nonoperating expenses, net:	(8,191,055)	(1,687,786)	(9,878,841)
Change in net assets	(13,881,018)	5,777,596	(8,103,422)
Total net assets – beginning	13,541,621	(43,673,748)	(30,132,127)
Total net assets – ending	\$ (339,397)	\$ (37,896,152)	\$ (38,235,549)

SWACO
Supplemental Schedule—Operating Fund Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

		Operating Fund	
	Continuing	Discontinued	
	Operations	Operations	Total
Cash flows from operating activities:	¢ 24.700.265	¢ (0,000	¢ 24.760.265
Receipts from customers	\$ 24,700,265	\$ 60,000	\$ 24,760,265
Retired facility fees and waiver fees collected	2,105,238	5,211,039	7,316,277
Other receipts	541,625	17,632	559,257
Payments to or on behalf of employees for	(0.227.417)		(9.227.417)
salaries, wages and benefits	(8,337,417)	(25, 225)	(8,337,417)
Payment to vendors	(11,660,983)	(25,225)	(11,686,208)
Landfill post closure cost paid	(27,260)	105 456	(27,260)
Interfund charges	522,131	105,456	627,587
Deferred revenue	15,173	-	15,173
Other receipts	38,102	2 2 5 2 5 2 5 2	38,104
Net cash provided by operating activities	7,896,874	5,368,904	13,265,778
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:			
Grants received	197,553		197,553
	197,333		197,333
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	107.552		107.552
activities	197,553	<u> </u>	197,553
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	15,970,273	-	15,970,273
Purchase of investments	(18,513,263)	-	(18,513,263)
Interest received	467,958	27,612	495,570
Net cash (used in) provided by			
investing activities	(2,075,032)	27,612	(2,047,420)
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Cash flows from capital and related financing			
activities:			
Proceeds from capital debt	23,510,024	-	23,510,024
Proceeds from sale of assets	56,245	-	56,245
Proceeds from capital lease	175,000	-	175,000
Landfill, plant improvements and equipment			
additions	(10,092,249)	-	(10,092,249)
Principal paid on bonds and notes payable	(13,953,000)	(3,365,000)	(17,318,000)
Principal paid on capital lease	-	(57,932)	(57,932)
Interest paid	(2,779,555)	(2,014,527)	(4,794,082)
Debt issuance cost paid	(182,350)		(182,350)
Net cash used in capital and related			
financing activities	(3,265,885)	(5,437,459)	(8,703,344)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	2,753,510	(40,943)	2,712,567
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	8,813,684	53,284	8,866,968
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 11,567,194	\$ 12,341	\$ 11,579,535
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SWACO
Supplemental Schedule—Operating Fund Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

		Operating Fund	
	Continuing	Discontinued	
	Operations	Operations	Total
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Operating (loss) income	\$ (5,689,963)	\$ 7,465,382	\$ 1,775,419
Adjustments to reconcile operating (loss) income to			
net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and depletion	13,884,306	-	13,884,306
Landfill closing cost	877,173	-	877,173
Lease credits received in lieu of cash			
applied to principal	-	(2,152,554)	(2,152,554)
(Decrease) increase in cash resulting from changes in:			
Accounts receivable (net)	(871,884)	56,074	(815,810)
Accounts payable	(211,706)	-	(211,706)
Accrued wages and benefits	12,823	-	12,823
ERIP payable	(42,279)	-	(42,279)
Landfill postclosure liability	(27,260)	-	(27,260)
Deferred revenue	15,173	-	15,173
Other assets and liabilities	(49,509)	2	(49,507)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 7,896,874	\$ 5,368,904	\$ 13,265,778
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### Noncash capital and related financing activities:

Amortization of premiums on lease obligation and bonds payable of \$236,361 for Continuing Operations and \$284,120 for Discontinued Operations.

Amortization of debt issuance costs of \$75,047 for Continuing Operations and \$48,360 for Discontinued Operations.

Amortization of reacquisition costs on refunding bonds payable of \$64,800 (Continuing Operations). Change in carrying value of investments resulting in a loss of \$103,099 (Continuing Operations). Impairment of long-lived assets resulting in a loss of \$6,100,146 (Continuing Operations).

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# STATISTICAL SECTION

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### STATISTICAL SECTION

The following statistical tables provide selected information on SWACO's financial trends, revenue capacity, operating information, debt capacity, and economic and demographic information.

Tables 1 and 2 provide ten years of financial information for SWACO. Table 3 is a budget to actual comparison for year 2010.

Revenue capacity information on solid waste deliveries and tipping fees at SWACO facilities is presented in Tables 4 through 8. Table 8 provides generation fees reported by solid waste facilities receiving waste generated from within the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (the "District") and disposed in an Ohio landfill.

Indicators of the level of demand for service are included in tables throughout the statistical section and include tons received (Tables 4 and 5), Top Ten customer data (Table 5), tons generated (Table 8), and tons recycled (Tables 9 and 10). Table 11 shows current and historical SWACO employees by function.

Tables 12 through 19 provide debt service schedules for SWACO's outstanding notes and bonds. Table 20 provides detail on the WTEF lease. Table 21 shows various debt ratios for SWACO. It includes total debt (notes, bonds and WTEF lease) per capita, total general obligation debt as a percent of SWACO assessed property valuation (although backed by a pledge to levy ad valorem property taxes, SWACO's general obligation bonds are paid from other sources, see Note 10 to the financial statements), and annual debt service per ton for bonds paid from the landfill tipping fee. Table 22 shows the statutory debt limit on SWACO's ability to issue debt supported by property taxes. SWACO is not subject to direct debt limits.

Demographic information is presented for SWACO's solid waste district and Franklin County in Tables 23 through 25. Table 26 provides information on capital assets.

### SWACO Schedules of Net Assets - All Funds For Years Ended December 31, 2001 through 2010

(in thousands)<sup>1</sup>

	 2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,371	\$ 6,257	\$ 5,772	\$ 7,210	\$ 3,128	\$ 3,558	\$ 4,524	\$ 2,461	\$ 7,349 \$	5,599
Restricted cash	6,072	5,239	3,554	20,277	5,286	4,668	9,877	2,443	1,817	6,582
Unrestricted and restricted investments	-	4,493	2,496	2,001	14,757	9,909	7,917	6,857	3,008	5,055
Accounts receivable, net	2,328	2,293	2,562	3,976	3,010	3,360	3,113	3,329	3,036	3,794
Pollution allowances sales receivable	-	-	-	-	10,015	-	-	-	-	-
Grant receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,980	1,500	-	26
Closure/postclosure funds held by trustee	14,409	15,296	16,142	16,873	17,799	19,218	21,104	23,035	20,648	21,027
Sanitary Landfill, net of accum. deprec./depletion	11,083	11,475	11,801	10,262	20,448	23,441	22,586	13,850	18,600	12,767
Buildings & equipment, net of accum. depreciation	8,187	8,887	9,349	9,905	17,045	15,054	14,133	18,394	17,662	14,679
Construction in progress	-	-	-	9,093	6,577	4,401	10,279	9,107	4,341	3,558
Land and land improvements	1,724	1,724	1,724	9,931	9,931	9,931	11,721	11,721	12,711	12,711
Lease receivable	-	-	-	-	1,559	1,559	4,900	4,878	4,708	5,518
Idle plant facilities - WTEF (Note 11)	4,605	1,976	1,976	1,121	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	 135	159	170	357	447	169	349	130	53	23
Total assets	\$ 59,915	\$ 57,799	\$ 55,546	\$ 91,006	\$ 110,002	\$ 95,269	\$ 112,484	\$ 97,706	\$ 93,934 \$	91,339

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Certain items for the years prior to 2005 have been reclassified for presentation purposes. Totals may not add due to rounding.

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
LIABILITIES	LIABILITIES									
Accounts payable, deferred revenue, and unearned income	\$ 2,729	\$ 1,87	5 \$ 2,584	\$ 4,491	\$ 7,298	\$ 2,312	\$ 4,278	\$ 2,113	\$ 2,050 \$	5 2,593
Accrued wages and benefits	868	92			762	814	750	896	1,380	1,408
SWACO grants payable	-	_	<u>-</u>	-	-	-	_	-	34	41
ERIP payable	-	-	_	_	-	-	_	-	1,139	1,097
Accrued interest	648	82	4 788	1,140	980	850	706	520	743	903
Bonds and notes payable (Note 10)	17,505	16,79	5 16,045	102,274	106,498	103,407	110,564	106,491	102,263	108,320
Capital lease obligation (Note 11)	127,443	118,45	6 108,052	28,751	27,356	15,817	14,269	6,225	4,099	1,889
Landfill closure/postclosure care liability (Note 12)	14,788	15,43	0 16,113	16,927	18,124	18,711	19,828	10,150	11,237	12,086
Other	748	1,16	7 665	7	232	130	283	413	177	37
										_
Total liabilities	164,728	155,47	3 145,252	154,445	161,250	142,041	150,680	126,810	123,122	128,374
NET ASSETS										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt:										
WTEF, net of lease obligation & bonds payable	(122,838)	(116,48	0) (106,076	(84,010)	(80,586)	(65,846)	(61,014)	(49,595)	(43,987)	(38,176)
Other capital assets, net	3,490	5,29	1 6,829	5,195	4,433	2,517	6,680	(1,054)	(3,609)	(17,925)
Restricted:										
Closure/postclosure trust fund, net of										
accrued liability - Sanitary Landfill	2,075	2,24	0 2,087	1,974	1,661	1,715	2,325	13,887	10,399	9,901
Other restricted, net	6,173	5,33	3 3,658	8,621	18,491	7,961	8,252	1,184	514	777
Unrestricted	6,286	5,94	2 3,795	4,780	4,753	6,881	5,562	6,474	7,496	8,388
Total net assets	\$ (104,813)	\$ (97,67	4) \$ (89,706	) \$ (63,439)	\$ (51,248)	\$ (46,772)	\$ (38,196)	\$ (29,104)	\$ (29,187) \$	(37,035)

Source: SWACO. All references to notes are to the Notes to Financial Statements beginning on page 2-23.

SWACO
Schedules of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets - All Funds
For Years Ended December 31, 2001 through 2010

(in thousands)<sup>1</sup>

	2001		2002		2003	2004	2005	005 2006		2007	2008	2009	2010
Revenues:													
Tipping and disposal fees	\$ 13,7	705	\$ 13,6	00	\$ 14,079	\$ 14,423	\$ 16,754	\$	18,376	\$ 18,958	\$ 18,650	\$ 18,101	\$ 21,141
Waste transfer fees	3,8	384	3,8	60	4,132	4,010	4,448		4,377	4,336	4,537	4,403	4,441
Retired facility and waiver fees	7,5	596	7,7	22	7,916	8,113	8,016		7,949	7,892	7,614	9,162	9,473
Generation fees	5,5	571	5,5	59	5,655	5,801	5,720		5,716	5,663	5,438	5,090	5,265
Other	{	368	7	04	755	128	574		319	617	582	 563	846
Operating revenues	31,6	524	31,4	45	32,536	32,475	35,512		36,737	37,467	36,822	 37,319	41,166
Expenses:													
Salaries, wages and benefits	4,3	304	4,8	73	5,582	6,127	6,790		7,104	7,351	9,692	11,226	9,457
Contracts, services and supplies	11,4	109	11,8	54	12,860	14,406	14,918		10,248	10,566	10,800	9,491	10,172
Solid waste fees	1,7	755	1,7	71	1,955	2,192	2,686		3,276	3,236	3,122	3,250	4,342
Depreciation and depletion	1,4	124	1,8	15	2,151	2,141	3,612		6,874	5,672	10,334	7,428	13,960
Landfill closing expenses	Ģ	942	7	22	999	844	1,239		1,365	1,276	(9,630)	1,100	877
Other		1		22	113	20	2		-	-	-	 -	10
Operating expenses	19,8	336	21,0	57	23,660	25,730	29,247		28,867	28,101	24,318	 32,495	38,818
Operating income	11,7	788	10,3	88	8,876	6,745	6,265		7,870	9,366	12,504	 4,824	2,348

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Table 2 (continued)

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):										
Interest expense	(6,113)	(4,919)	(4,773)	(4,246)	(5,232)	(5,040)	(5,116)	(4,858)	(4,729)	(4,498)
ERIP interest expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(42)	(128)
Interest earnings	1,296	705	466	617	1,344	1,962	2,680	2,471	762	567
Grant revenues	138	134	138	145	404	240	2,192	379	307	621
Grants awarded <sup>2</sup>	-	(155)	(542)	(462)	(636)	(574)	(593)	(498)	(712)	(587)
Loss on federal grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(480)	(512)	-
Bad debt expense										(127)
Impairment of long-lived assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,100)
Fire loss net of insurance proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(382)	-	-
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	68	(50)	(125)	(19)	(4)	19	47	(44)	19	57
Total nonoperating expenses	(4,612)	(4,285)	(4,835)	(3,965)	(4,124)	(3,393)	(790)	(3,412)	(4,908)	(10,195)
Special and extraordinary items	2.020	2.662	2.025	10 (73						
Gain on forgiveness of debt	3,929	3,663	3,927	19,652	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of pollution allowances	-	-	-	3,835	10,051	-	-	-	-	-
Reduction of LF closure liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment loss-WTEF		(2,627)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Change in net assets	11,105	7,139	7,968	26,267	12,192	4,477	8,576	9,092	(84)	(7,847)
Total net assets - beginning	(115,918)	(104,813)	(97,674)	(89,706)	(63,439)	(51,248)	(46,772)	(38,196)	(29,104)	(29,188)
Total net assets - ending	\$ (104,813)	\$ (97,674)	(89,706)	\$ (63,439)	\$ (51,248)	\$ (46,772)	\$ (38,196)	\$ (29,104)	5 (29,188)	\$ (37,035)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Certain items for the years prior to 2005 have been reclassified for presentation purposes. Totals may not add due to rounding.
<sup>2</sup> Included in contracts, services and supplies prior to 2002.

SWACO
Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets
2010 Budget to Actual (in thousands)

	(	Operating Fun	d	I	Program Fund	<u> 1</u>	All Funds Total					
	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Budget Variance Positive (Negative)		
Operating revenues:												
Tipping and disposal fees	\$ 20,545	\$ 20,545	\$ 21,141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,545	\$ 20,545	\$ 21,141	\$ 596		
Waste transfer fees	4,300	4,300	4,441	-	-	-	4,300	4,300	4,441	141		
Retired facility and waiver fees	9,000	9,000	9,473	-	-	-	9,000	9,000	9,473	473		
Generation fees	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,265	5,000	5,000	5,265	265		
Other	100	100	647	150	150	199	250	250	846	596		
Total operating revenues	33,945	33,945	35,702	5,150	5,150	5,464	39,095	39,095	41,166	2,071		
Operating expenses:												
Salaries, wages and benefits	8,003	8,003	8,308	1,117	1,117	1,149	9,120	9,120	9,457	(337)		
Contracts, services and supplies	6,929	6,929	7,132	2,922	2,922	3,039	9,851	9,851	10,171	(320)		
Solid waste fees	4,500	4,500	4,342	-	_	-	4,500	4,500	4,342	158		
Depreciation and depletion	13,885	13,885	13,885	75	75	75	13,960	13,960	13,960	-		
Landfill closing costs	877	877	877	_	_	_	877	877	877	_		
Bad debt expense	_	_	10	_	_	-	-	-	10	(10)		
Other	133	133	-	_	_	_	133	133	_	133		
Interfund transfers	(205)	(205)	(628)	205	205	628	_	-	-	_		
Total operating expenses	34,122	34,122	33,926	4,319	4,319	4,891	38,441	38,441	38,817	(376)		
Operating income (loss)	(177)	(177)	1,776	831	831	573	654	654	2,349	1,695		

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Table 3 (continued)

		Operating Fund						Program Fund					All Funds Total							
																			В	udget
																				<u>ariance</u>
	Origina	al	A	mended			O	riginal	Ar	nended			C	Priginal	Aı	mended			Po	ositive
	Budge	t	I	Budget		Actual	B	udget	В	udget	F	Actual	I	Budget	E	Budget	1	Actual	(Ne	egative)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)																				
Interest expense	\$ (2,3	45)	\$	(2,345)	\$	(4,498)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(2,345)	\$	(2,345)	\$	(4,498)	\$	(2,153)
Interest earnings	6	76		676		567		-		-		-		676		676		567		(109)
Grant revenues	-			-		350		250		250		271		250		250		621		371
Grants awarded	-			-		-		(609)		(609)		(587)		(609)		(609)		(587)		22
Bad debt expense	-			-	(127)			-		-		-		-		-		(127)		(127)
Impairment of long-lived assets	-			-		(6,100)												(6,100)		
ERIP interest expense	-		-		(128)		-		-		-		-		-		(128)		(128)	
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets				-		56		-		-				-		-		56		56
Total nonoperating																				
expenses	(1,6	69)		(1,669)		(9,880)		(359)		(359)		(316)		(2,028)		(2,028)		(10,196)		(8,168)
Change in net assets	(1,8	46)		(1,846)		(8,104)		472		472		257		(1,374)		(1,374)		(7,847)	\$	(6,473)
Total net assets - beginning	(28,5	44)		(30,544)		(30,132)	·	1,650		1,650		944		(26,894)		(28,894)		(29,188)		
Total net assets - ending	\$ (30,3	90)	\$	(32,390)	\$	(38,236)	\$	2,122	\$	2,122	\$	1,201	\$	(28,268)	\$	(30,268)	\$	(37,035)		

Totals may not add due to rounding.

SWACO
Solid Waste Received and Landfilled 2001 - 2010 (in tons)

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Solid waste received by SWACO										
Jackson Pike Transfer Station	139,576	167,211	173,213	197,862	179,016	166,372	170,425	164,326	152,829	153,564
Morse Road Transfer Station	131,837	129,495	149,120	122,836	123,684	121,774	119,305	133,156	123,988	132,727
Georgesville Rd Transfer Station	87,027	62,788	63,860	55,643	69,026	63,611	56,927	64,201	73,606	67,133
<b>Subtotal Transfer Stations</b>	358,440	359,494	386,193	376,341	371,727	351,757	346,657	361,683	350,422	353,424
Sanitary Landfill	523,545	523,899	533,122	569,295	551,659	532,247	524,581	483,675	465,206	586,422
Total solid waste received by SWACO	881,985	883,393	919,315	945,636	923,386	884,004	871,238	845,358	816,754	939,847
Removed from waste stream <sup>1</sup>	(1,335)	(641)	(245)	(234)	(121)	(140)	(280)	(457)	(478)	(195)
Carryover/(shrinkage) <sup>2</sup>	(3,044)	2,712	(698)	921	(4,046)	(3,986)	(2,245)	(6,163)	385	(4,853)
Total adjustments	(4,379)	2,071	(943)	687	(4,167)	(4,126)	(2,525)	(6,620)	(93)	(5,048)
Transferred out-of-district <sup>3</sup>		_	_	_	(14,057)	_	_	_	-	
Solid waste landfilled - Franklin County Sanitary Landfill	877,607	885,463	918,372	946,323	905,161	879,878	868,713	838,738	816,661	934,798

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Scrap metal, tires, white goods & other.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Carryover related to end of year inventory at transfer stations and shrinkage due to loss of water.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Waste disposed at an out-of-district landfill pursuant to a contract with the landfill owner.

SWACO
Top Ten Customers 2001 - 2010
(tons received)

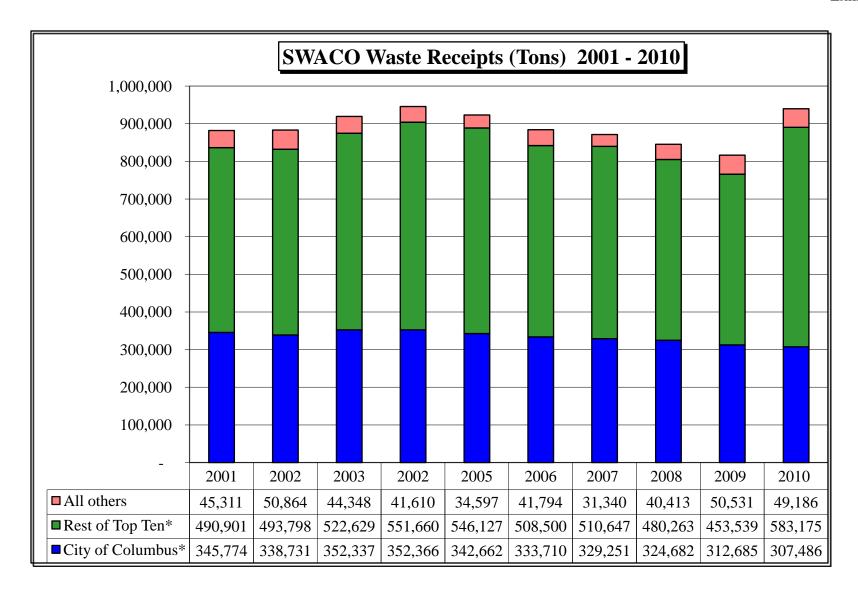
Customer	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
City of Columbus Division of Sanitation	345,774	338,731	352,337	352,366	342,662	333,710	329,251	324,682	312,685	307,486
Waste Management of Ohio	71,170	77,684	81,201	91,002	74,931	58,652	59,574	43,927	36,032	162,860
Rumpke Waste/Rumpke Container/Rumpke Trf	162,573	155,091	158,657	145,675	155,802	145,153	157,696	159,279	155,848	154,524
Republic Waste Systems	210,383	183,507	195,283	204,763	205,368	185,991	176,025	162,598	156,566	154,372
Local Waste Services LLC	17,757	47,922	56,959	69,810	78,862	89,854	88,236	85,130	78,410	78,539
Mars Petcare U.S.	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	9,325
Anheuser-Busch Inc.	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	7,117
City of Upper Arlington	7,873	7,643	7,814	7,741	7,386	7,207	6,886	7,175	6,665	6,539
City of Columbus Street Engineer	7,797	7,029	6,177	5,839	5,621	7,497	6,671	5,926	6,152	5,547
Flower Garbage	4,628	5,521	6,211	5,590	#	#	8,861	9,133	7,783	4,351
Adept, Inc.	4,188	#	#	#	2,654	2,415	3,855	3,806	2,581	#
City/Southerly Waste Water Plant	#	#	#	#	#	#	2,843	3,289	3,501	#
City of Grandview Heights	#	3,605	3,591	3,585	3,149	3,025	#	#	#	#
BFI of Ohio, Inc.	*	*	6,737	17,656	12,354	8,706	#	*	*	*
Container Services	4,531	5,796	#	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total Top Ten Customers	836,674	832,529	874,967	904,026	888,789	842,210	839,898	804,945	766,223	890,660
Total tons received by SWACO <sup>1</sup>	881,985	883,393	919,315	945,636	923,386	884,004	871,238	845,358	816,754	939,847
Top Ten customer % of total received	96%	96%	97%	97%	97%	97%	96%	95%	94%	95%
Total tons generated within District <sup>2</sup>	1,114,223	1,111,953	1,130,721	1,160,226	1,144,048	1,148,471	1,132,663	1,087,688	1,018,049	1,052,999
Top Ten customer % of total waste disposal	76%	75%	76%	79%	78%	73%	74%	74%	75%	85%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes both in-district and out-of-district waste.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Total solid waste generated within the District, subject to Generation Fee, and disposed of at SWACO and out-of-district facilities.

<sup>#</sup> Waste received from these customers is not reported when they are not ranked in the top ten.

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates the waste hauler was not a SWACO customer in the year indicated.



Source: SWACO \*See notes to Table 5.

SWACO Disposal Rates 1991-2010

Effective	Fra	nklin County	Ja	ickson Pike	M	orse Road	Geo	rgesville Rd.	A	lum Creek	Compost	Charge
Date		Landfill		Transfer <sup>2</sup>		Transfer		Transfer		Transfer	Facilities	Unit
02/01/1991 1	\$	4.90	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	Cu. Yard
04/01/1991		7.50		-		-		-		-	-	Cu. Yard
04/01/1993		7.50		7.50		7.50		7.50		7.50	-	Cu. Yard
07/01/1993		13.25		13.00		13.50		13.00		13.00	-	Cu. Yard
06/01/1994 3		49.00		49.00		49.00		49.00		49.00	-	Ton
09/01/1994		32.00		32.00		32.00		32.00		32.00	-	Ton
11/01/1994 4		37.00		37.00		37.00		37.00		Closed	-	Ton
02/07/1996		33.00		37.00		44.00		40.00		-	-	Ton
03/11/1996		30.00		34.00		41.00		37.00		-	-	Ton
05/08/1996		27.00		31.00		38.00		34.00		-	-	Ton
04/08/1998 5		20.00		30.00		31.00		31.00		-	-	Ton
$04/01/1999^{-6}$		27.00		37.00		38.00		38.00		-	-	Ton
10/04/1999		27.00		37.00		38.00		38.00		-	$6.00^{7}$	Ton
01/01/2005		29.25		40.25		41.25		41.25		-	6.00	Ton
07/01/2005 8		30.75		41.75		42.75		42.75		-	6.00	Ton
01/01/2006		32.25		44.25		45.25		45.25		-	6.00	Ton
01/01/2007		33.50		45.50		46.50		46.50		-	6.00	Ton
01/01/2008		33.50		45.50		46.50		46.50		-	6.00	Ton
01/01/2009		35.50		47.50		48.50		48.50		-	6.00	Ton
08/01/2009 9		36.75		48.75		49.75		49.75		-	$6.00^{-10}$	Ton
01/01/2011 11		39.75		51.75		52.75		52.75		-	-	Ton
01/01/2012		42.75		54.75		55.75		55.75		-	-	Ton

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Prior to 2/1/91 SWACO operated no facilities and was funded by a \$.40/cubic yard district fee levied at all landfills located in the district (the County landfill and one private landfill).

Source: SWACO 3-11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Prior to November 1, 1994, this was the Waste-to-Energy Facility.

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  This fee was repealed effective September 1, 1994 and replaced with a fee of \$32 per ton.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Beginning August 2, 1994, all rates include a \$5.00/ton generation fee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This rate is the rate for customers under contract with SWACO. Beginning 4/8/1998 and ending 12/31/2004 there was a non-contract rate of \$2.25 per ton more than the rate shown.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Rates include Retired Facility fee of \$7 per ton.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Transfer fee for commercial loads delivered to Bill R. Holbrook Compost Facility beginning 10/4/1999. Effective March 1, 2005, a fee of \$6.00 was implemented for commercial loads at all compost facilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Rate reflects \$1.50 per ton EPA rate increase.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Rate reflects \$1.25 per ton EPA rate increase.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Compost facility was closed December 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> In September 2010, the SWACO Board of Trustees approved a rate increase of \$3.00 per ton effective January 1, 2011, and an additional increase of \$3.00 per ton effective January 1, 2012.

SWACO
Franklin County Sanitary Landfill Airspace Capacity
Total Permitted, Annual Used, and Permitted Remaining 2001-2010
(cubic yards)

	Year	Total Permitted Airspace	Annual Airspace Used	Permitted Airspace Remaining
	2001	48,400,000	784,900	45,589,100
	2002	48,400,000	1,317,200	44,271,900
	2003	48,400,000	1,319,700	42,952,200
	2004	48,400,000	956,200	41,996,000
	2005	48,400,000	1,439,200	40,556,800
	2006	48,400,000	1,435,700	39,121,100
	2007	48,400,000	1,196,500	37,924,600
	2008	48,400,000	1,192,300	36,732,300
	2009	$51,900,000^1$	1,053,000	39,179,300
	2010	$51,900,000^1$	1,163,000	38,670,000
		At Maximum  Permitted Receipts <sup>2</sup>		At 2010 Receipts <sup>3</sup>
Remaining landfill life		14.6		26.9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Total permitted airspace includes 3.5 million additional cubic yards for the OEPA 2009 permit.

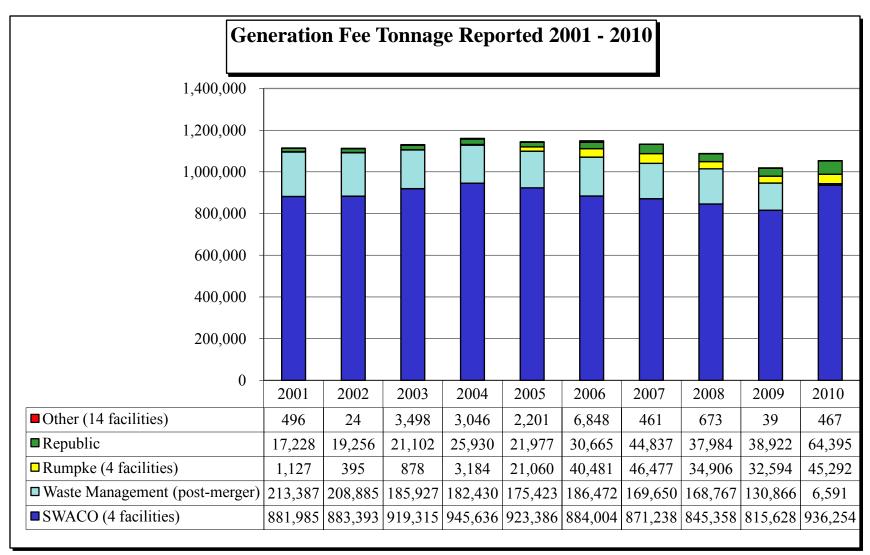
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Maximum 6,000 tons per day or 1,680,000 annual tons per OEPA permit. Assumes a compaction rate of 1,300 pounds per cubic yard.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Approximately 935,000 tons received. Assumes a compaction rate of 1,300 pounds per cubic yard.

 ${\bf SWACO}$  Generation Fee Tonnage Reported 2001 - 2010  $^1$ 

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Solid Waste Authority (4 facilities)	881,985	883,393	919,315	945,636	923,386	884,004	871,238	845,358	815,628	936,254
Republic Waste Services	17,228	19,256	21,102	25,930	21,977	30,665	44,837	37,984	38,922	64,395
Rumpke Waste (4 facilities)	1,127	395	878	3,184	21,060	40,481	46,477	34,906	32,594	45,292
Waste Management (2 facilities)	213,387	208,885	185,927	182,430	175,423	186,472	169,650	168,767	130,866	6,591
Other (14 facilities)	496	24	3,498	3,046	2,201	6,848	461	673	39	467
Total	1,114,223	1,111,953	1,130,721	1,160,226	1,144,048	1,148,471	1,132,663	1,087,688	1,018,049	1,052,999

The Generation Fee is charged on all solid waste generated within SWACO's jurisdiction and disposed in a sanitary landfill located in Ohio. Certain solid waste is exempt from the fee. The current \$5 per ton Generation Fee was enacted effective November 1, 1994.



Source: SWACO \*See notes to Table 8.

SWACO
SWACO Program Activity - Tons Collected 2001-2010

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total tons of waste recycled										
Yard waste composting	105,315	113,293	142,860	150,949	145,540	136,768	121,775	148,823	78,764	n/a
Drop-off recycling	n/a	n/a	8,449	7,947	8,700	9,593	10,755	12,999	15,126	15,924
Just-in-Time Recycling	248	356	429	602	626	742	815	774	636	37
Household hazardous waste	283	321	344	424	443	419	626	641	550	231
E-waste collection	n/a	n/a	70	196	155	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tire collection	149	177	176	115	132	89	168	187	153	139
Scrap metal recycling	369	262	245	119	71	32	104	246	19	40
Other recycling	817	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0
Total	107,181	114,408	152,573	160,352	155,724	147,643	134,243	163,670	95,248	16,371

### Tires and White Goods Received 2001 - 2010<sup>1</sup>

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Tires (each) White goods (each)	18,715	17,650	17,608	11,497	12,478	13,043	19,726	28,926	17,625	16,422
	6,972	7,249	5,404	4,527	3,622	2,181	2,292	301	290	143

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tires and white goods received by SWACO are removed from the waste stream and recycled. White goods are large appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines and clothes dryers.

SWACO Household Hazardous Waste Collection 2001 - 2010 (in pounds)

Material Classification	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alkaline batteries	4,066	4,529	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loosepack fuels	173,899	183,289	124,657	137,042	145,733	53,611	44,951	24,174	8,968	-
Aerosol-flammable	12,160	11,222	23,714	27,202	27,684	17,615	32,716	34,914	19,731	14,790
Aerosol-pesticides	5,197	7,455	40,727	47,542	45,332	38,815	56,093	63,491	61,798	32,149
Bulked flammables	129,246	33,450	41,848	31,184	30,504	14,998	22,070	51,488	69,494	72,096
Latex paint	124,979	267,812	334,673	476,154	528,064	580,111	898,600	901,135	750,018	219,187
Lab pack A	10,616	13,904	15,211	5,369	5,569	-	-	-	-	-
Lab pack B	39,979	35,408	5,454	328	903	1,105	-	-	-	-
Propane cylinders	11,226	27,299	35,051	35,070	25,015	14,577	20,004	8,028	2,857	2,065
Lead/acid batteries	18,215	23,073	24,272	29,389	20,414	14,197	8,074	33,526	28,194	16,067
Acids/bases	-	-	-	18,394	18,975	9,821	14,548	12,734	13,977	7,536
Freon	-	-	446	638	608	53	433	-	6	-
Used oil /antifreeze	36,253	33,688	38,596	35,346	33,285	36,994	48,925	65,667	57,633	35,361
Cylinders	-	-	605	1,114	1,324	764	1,926	756	163	41
Fire extinguishers	-	-	1,349	1,872	876	1,039	2,086	794	537	211
Flourescent light bulbs	-	462	460	489	664	1,057	3,373	6,875	6,700	6,101
Reactive lab pack/alum paint	-	-	607	-	-	816	1,599	1,222	7,213	142
Household cleaners	-	-	-	-	-	9,632	20,991	23,879	18,348	12,320
Oxidizers	-	-	-	-	-	2,328	3,466	4,516	2,476	1,689
Poisons	-	-	-	-	-	534	981	208	235	322
Dry cell batteries	-	-	-	-	-	5,209	-	12,246	3,990	5,189
Lithium batteries	-	-	171	248	179	106	19,365	13	475	102
NiCad batteries	-	488	543	1,074	866	144	46	18	3,649	334
Elemental mercury	-	-	244	380	273	220	474	938	230	1,138
Putty & adhesives	-	-	-	-	-	31,135	48,854	35,486	37,351	34,807
Asbestos	-	-	-	-	-	45	1,352	90	8	1
Misc. waste			38		421	2,940	207	_	6,291	15,056
Total	565,836	642,079	688,666	848,835	886,689	837,866	1,251,134	1,282,198	1,100,342	476,704

Source: SWACO and EEI

**SWACO Number of Employees by Function** 

Function	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Administration	16	19	20	21	20	19	22	21	19	20
Operations	50	46	58	69	79	77	77	88	89	90
Programs	9	9	7	6	6	6	11	11	6	6
Total	75	74	85	96	105	102	110	120	114	116

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SWACO Series 2004A Facility Acquisition Bonds

Year	Principal Coupon Interest		Interest	Total Debt Service		
2004	\$ 3,7	30,000	3.000%	\$	2,723,100	\$ 6,453,100
2005	2,6	85,000	3.000%		2,611,200	5,296,200
2006	2,7	65,000	5.000%		2,530,650	5,295,650
2007	2,9	05,000	5.000%		2,392,400	5,297,400
2008	3,0	50,000	5.000%		2,247,150	5,297,150
2009	3,2	05,000	5.000%		2,094,650	5,299,650
2010	3,3	65,000	5.000%		1,934,400	5,299,400
2011	3,5	30,000	5.000%		1,766,150	5,296,150
2012	3,7	10,000	5.000%		1,589,650	5,299,650
2013	3,8	95,000	5.000%		1,404,150	5,299,150
2014	<i>'</i>	90,000	5.000%		1,209,400	5,299,400
2015	ŕ	95,000	5.000%		1,004,900	5,299,900
2016	ŕ	05,000	5.000%		790,150	5,295,150
2017	ŕ	35,000	5.000%		564,900	5,299,900
2018	<i>'</i>	70,000	5.000%		328,150	5,298,150
2019	ŕ	70,000	4.500%		79,650	1,849,650
2017	1,7	, 0,000	1.50070		,,,,,,,,	1,012,030
Total	\$ 57,2	05,000		\$	25,270,650	\$ 82,475,650

Net interest cost (%)

4.200%

1,327,400

1,332,500

1,327,750

1,330,750

1,331,000

1,328,500

1,328,250

42,792,624

SWACO Series 2004B Solid Waste Facility Improvements Bonds

		Principal				
	SW Facility	Landfill Phase				Total Debt
Year	Improvements	H1	Total	Coupon	Interest	Service
2004	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ 149,786	\$ 149,786
2005	-	-	-	-	1,348,075	1,348,075
2006	75,000	2,355,000	2,430,000	4.000%	1,348,075	3,778,075
2007	80,000	2,445,000	2,525,000	5.000%	1,250,875	3,775,875
2008	85,000	2,570,000	2,655,000	5.000%	1,124,625	3,779,625
2009	95,000	2,695,000	2,790,000	3.500%	991,875	3,781,875
2010	110,000	2,790,000	2,900,000	5.000%	894,225	3,794,225
2011	125,000	2,930,000	3,055,000	4.250%	749,225	3,804,225
2012	710,000	-	710,000	4.000%	619,388	1,329,388
2013	735,000	-	735,000	4.000%	590,988	1,325,988
2014	760,000	-	760,000	4.000%	561,588	1,321,588
2015	790,000	-	790,000	5.000%	531,188	1,321,188
2016	835,000	-	835,000	5.000%	491,688	1,326,688
2017	875,000	-	875,000	4.000%	449,938	1,324,938
2018	910,000	-	910,000	4.125%	414,938	1,324,938

950,000

995,000

1,040,000

1,095,000

1,150,000

1,205,000

1,265,000

29,670,000

4.200%

5.000%

5.000%

5.000%

5.000%

5.000%

5.000%

377,400

337,500

287,750

235,750

181,000

123,500

63,250

13,122,624 \$

Net interest cost (%) 4.170%

15,785,000

Source: SWACO; see Note 10 to the financial statements.

950,000

995,000

1,040,000

1,095,000

1,150,000

1,205,000

1,265,000

13,885,000 \$

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

Total

SWACO Series 2005 Refunding Bonds

Refunded Debt Service

	Orig	inal Debt Service	e (Series 1997)		Non-callable	1997 Bonds	Series 200	5 Refunding B	onds		
Year	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Principal	Interest	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Savings
2005	\$ 835,000	5.500% \$	753,665 \$	1,588,665	\$ 835,000	\$ 449,570	\$ -	- \$	59,889	\$ 1,344,459	\$ 244,206
2006	880,000	5.500%	707,740	1,587,740	880,000	99,550	-	-	616,000	1,595,550	(7,810)
2007	930,000	5.500%	659,340	1,589,340	930,000	51,150	-	-	616,000	1,597,150	(7,810)
2008	980,000	4.500%	608,190	1,588,190	-	-	945,000	5.000%	616,000	1,561,000	27,190
2009	1,035,000	4.600%	564,090	1,599,090	-	-	1,000,000	5.000%	568,750	1,568,750	30,340
2010	1,090,000	4.700%	516,480	1,606,480	-	-	1,060,000	5.000%	518,750	1,578,750	27,730
2011	1,150,000	4.750%	465,250	1,615,250	-	-	1,125,000	5.000%	465,750	1,590,750	24,500
2012	1,215,000	4.800%	410,625	1,625,625	-	-	1,190,000	5.000%	409,500	1,599,500	26,125
2013	1,280,000	4.850%	352,305	1,632,305	-	-	1,250,000	5.000%	350,000	1,600,000	32,305
2014	1,350,000	4.900%	290,225	1,640,225	-	-	1,325,000	5.000%	287,500	1,612,500	27,725
2015	1,425,000	4.900%	224,075	1,649,075	-	-	1,395,000	5.000%	221,250	1,616,250	32,825
2016	1,500,000	5.000%	154,250	1,654,250	-	-	1,475,000	5.000%	151,500	1,626,500	27,750
2017	1,585,000	5.000%	79,250	1,664,250		_	1,555,000	5.000%	77,750	1,632,750	31,500
Total	\$ 15,255,000	\$	5,785,485 \$	21,040,485	\$ 2,645,000	\$ 600,270	\$ 12,320,000	\$	4,958,639	\$ 20,523,909	\$ 516,576

Table 15 **SWACO Series 2005 Landfill Equipment Bonds** 

Year	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service
2005	\$ -	-	\$ 93,987	\$ 93,987
2006	890,000	3.000%	199,450	1,089,450
2007	905,000	3.000%	172,525	1,077,525
2008	930,000	3.000%	145,000	1,075,000
2009	960,000	3.000%	116,650	1,076,650
2010	990,000	3.250%	86,163	1,076,163
2011	1,020,000	3.250%	53,500	1,073,500
2012	1,055,000	3.500%	18,463	1,073,463
Total	\$ 6,750,000		\$885,737	\$ 7,635,737
Net interes	t cost (%)	3.234%		

SWACO
Series 2008 Solid Waste Facility Improvements Bonds

Year	Principal	Coupon		Interest	,	Total Debt Service
2009	\$ -	_	\$	715,328	\$	715,328
2010	5,000	4.000%	Ψ	964,488	Ψ	969,488
2011	5,000	4.000%		964,288		969,288
2012	800,000	4.0%/5.0%		964,088		1,764,088
2012	830,000	4.000%		929,588		1,759,588
2013	870,000	4.0%/5.0%		896,388		1,766,388
2015	925,000	4.0%/5.0%		856,588		1,781,588
2016	945,000	4.000%		815,338		1,760,338
2017	1,000,000	5.000%		777,538		1,777,538
2017	1,030,000	5.000%		727,538		1,777,538
2019	1,095,000	4.375%/5.0%		676,038		1,771,038
2020	1,135,000	4.600%		622,538		1,777,538
2021	1,195,000	4.7%/5.0%		570,328		1,765,328
2021	1,250,000	4.8%/5.0%		512,078		1,762,078
2022	1,310,000	4.875%		450,078		1,762,078
2023	1,370,000	5.000%		386,215		1,756,215
2024	1,440,000	5.000%		317,715		
				*		1,757,715
2026	1,510,000	5.125%		245,715		1,755,715
2027	1,590,000	5.125%		168,328		1,758,328
2028	1,670,000	5.200%		86,840		1,756,840
Total	\$ 19,975,000		\$	12,647,043	\$	32,622,043

Net interest cost (%)

4.898%

SWACO Table 17

**Series 2010 Taxable Bond Anticipation Notes** 

			Total Debt
Year	Principal	Interest	Service
			_
2011	\$ 3,520,000	\$ 65,633	\$3,585,633
Total	\$ 3,520,000	\$ 65,633	\$ 3,585,633

Source: SWACO; see Note 10 to the financial statements.

Table 18

### **Series 2010 Taxable Revenue Notes**

			Total Debt
Year	Principal	Interest	Service
			_
2011	\$ 4,670,000	\$ 87,563	\$4,757,563
Total	\$ 4,670,000	\$ 87,563	\$4,757,563

SWACO Series 2010 Solid Waste Facility Improvements Bonds

Year		Principal	Coupon	Interest	1	Total Debt Service	
2011	\$	-	-	\$ 483,357	\$	483,357	
2012		625,000	2.000%	471,567		1,096,567	
2013		705,000	2.000%	459,067		1,164,067	
2014		720,000	2.000%	444,967		1,164,967	
2015		735,000	3.000%	430,567		1,165,567	
2016		750,000	3.500%	416,235		1,166,235	
2017		765,000	4.000%	399,172		1,164,172	
2018		785,000	4.220%	379,282		1,164,282	
2019		805,000	4.370%	357,750		1,162,750	
2020		830,000	4.520%	334,884		1,164,884	
2021		855,000	4.700%	310,499		1,165,499	
2022		880,000	4.850%	284,378		1,164,378	
2023		910,000	5.000%	256,636		1,166,636	
2024		1,000,000	5.150%	227,061		1,227,061	
2025		970,000	5.700%	193,586		1,163,586	
2026		1,005,000	5.700%	157,648		1,162,648	
2027		1,045,000	5.700%	120,413		1,165,413	
2028		1,080,000	5.700%	81,695		1,161,695	
2029		1,125,000	5.700%	41,681		1,166,681	
Total	\$	15,590,000		\$ 5,850,447	\$	21,440,447	
Net interest of	cost (	%)	3.335%				

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Table 20
Waste-to-Energy Facility Lease Payment Schedule (in thousands)<sup>1</sup>

Year	P	Principal	Interest <sup>2</sup>	Total Lease Obligation	Amount Paid or Credited	De	Interest on ferred Balance <sup>3</sup>	Deferred Balance <sup>4</sup>
1993	\$	4,991	\$ 8,099	\$ 13,090	\$ 13,090	\$	-	\$ -
1994		7,881	9,042	16,923	16,923		-	-
1995		5,579	5,853	11,432	6,000		153	5,585
1996		6,229	5,341	11,570	8,000		402	9,557
1997		6,299	4,991	11,290	4,055		746	17,538
1998		7,258	4,664	11,922	2,002		1,177	28,635
1999		7,904	4,220	12,124	6,764		1,670	35,665
2000		7,932	3,969	11,901	9,938		1,840	39,468
2001		8,373	3,374	11,747	13,083		1,967	40,099
2002		7,807	3,034	10,841	8,637		1,991	44,294
2003		8,370	2,323	10,693	10,826		2,150	46,310
2004		8,158	1,954	10,112	61,881	5	125	(5,334)
2005		8,097	1,551	9,647	2,776		14	1,551
2006		8,203	1,147	9,350	12,458		(114)	(1,671)
2007		8,316	738	9,054	2,375		142	5,149
2008		4,830	354	5,184	8,561		172	1,943
2009		2,215	159	2,374	2,294		10	2,036
2010		2,063	52	2,115	2,265		3	1,889
Subtotal 1993-2010		120,505	60,865	181,369	\$ 191,928	\$	12,448	\$ 1,889

<sup>1.</sup> WTEF lease obligation as modified. Excludes unamortized bond premiums. Includes a 35 percent reduction in the lease. See Note 11 to financial statements.

Source: SWACO 3-25

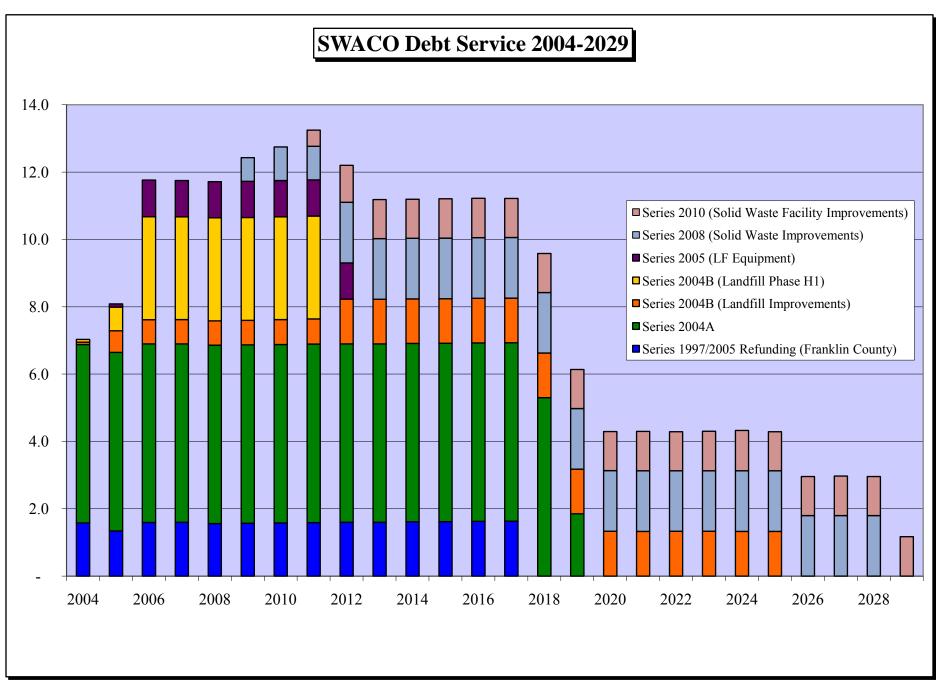
<sup>2.</sup> Includes letter of credit, remarketing and trustee fees on variable rate bonds issued by the City. The variable rate bonds were refinanced with fixed rate bonds in 2001.

<sup>3.</sup> Interest accrued at an annual rate of 4.5% on the deferred balance for the years 1995-2003 and at the STAR Ohio rate beginning in 2004 pursuant to modified lease.

<sup>4.</sup> Deferred balance plus interest payable to the City; excludes accrued interest on bonds maturing after December 31.

<sup>5. 2004</sup> payments include \$55 million from the proceeds of the Series 2004A bonds.

<sup>6. 2010</sup> is the final maturity on the bonds issued by the City.



Source: SWACO 3-26

SWACO
Total and General Obligation Debt Ratios 2001 - 2010

Tax Year		Total SWACO Debt <sup>1</sup> (thousands)	SWACO District Population <sup>2</sup>	Total SWACO Debt PerCapita	SWACO General Obligation Debt <sup>3</sup> (thousands)	District Assessed Property Valuation $(AV)^2$ (thousands)	SWACO G.O. Debt as a Percent of AV	Annual Debt Service Paid from Tipping Fees <sup>4</sup> (thousands)	Solid Waste Received by SWACO (tons)	Annual Debt Service Paid from Tipping Fees Per Ton Received
2001	2002	144,948	1,109,800	131	17,505	22,892,656	0.08%	1,566	881,985	1.78
2002	2003	135,251	1,119,000	121	16,795	25,653,020	0.07%	1,567	883,393	1.77
2003	2004	124,097	1,132,000	110	16,045	25,790,945	0.06%	1,571	919,315	1.71
2004	2005	125,725	1,140,000	110	96,974	26,298,304	0.37%	1,578	945,636	1.67
2005	2006	128,553	1,159,000	111	99,639	29,868,345	0.33%	2,693	923,386	2.92
2006	2007	113,924	1,179,700	97	96,548	30,102,825	0.32%	5,680	884,004	6.43
2007	2008	116,970	1,189,600	98	97,810	29,912,050	0.33%	5,822	871,238	6.68
2008	2009	112,716	1,197,200	94	101,613	30,400,811	0.33%	6,186	845,358	7.32
2009	2010	106,363	1,201,810	89	93,265	28,910,438	0.32%	7,142	816,754	8.74
2010	2011	110,209	1,205,200	91	100,129	28,867,111	0.35%	7,921	939,847	8.43

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes the WTEF lease, General Obligation Bonds, and taxable notes; net of reserve accounts, unamortized premiums and unamortized cost of issuance. (See Notes 10 and 11 to the financial statements).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Table 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Total General obligation bonds. Excludes WTEF lease, taxable notes and reserve accounts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> General obligation bonds excluding Series 2004A bonds (paid from Retired Facility and Waiver Fees). Also excludes the Series 2005, 2007 and 2010 taxable notes (paid from lease income).

## SWACO Indirect Debt and Property Tax Limitations, June 11, 2010

SWACO's debt is not subject to direct debt limits, but its unvoted general obligation debt (debt authorized by the Board of Trustees but not by a vote of the electors) is subject to overlapping restrictions with each respective county and school district. Limitations apply to each county total and should not be considered cumulatively. Total debt service charges for any one year of all overlapping debt must not exceed ten mills (1%) of the assessed property value. This determination is made by the respective county auditors each time a subdivision proposes to issue unvoted debt. The most recent data prepared by the county auditors for this purpose was as of June 11, 2010.

Overlapping Jurisdictions	Millage required	<b>Unallocated Millage</b>
SWACO, Franklin County, the Village of Obetz, Groveport Madison Local School District, Madison Township	7.6631	2.3369
SWACO, Licking County, the City of Reynoldsburg, Reynoldsburg City School District	5.6819	4.3181
SWACO, Union County, the City of Dublin, Washington Township & Dublin City School District	4.3757	5.6243
SWACO, Delaware County, the City of Westerville, Westerville City School District	6.1623	3.8377
SWACO, Pickaway County, Village of Harrisburg, Darby Township & South-Western City School District	0.7232	9.2768
SWACO, Fairfield County, Village of Canal Winchester, Violet Township & Canal Winchester Local School District	6.3776	3.6224

Source: Auditors for respective counties.

SWACO
Ten Largest Employers 2010 and 2001<sup>1</sup>
Franklin County, Ohio

	2010			2001		
	Principal	Number of	% of Total		Number of	% of Total
Employer	Business	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Employment</b>	Employer	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Employment</b>
State of Ohio	Government	25,608	4.6%	State of Ohio	27,610	4.8%
The Ohio State University	Education	23,093	4.1%	The Ohio State University	18,089	3.1%
JP Morgan Chase (formerly Bank One)	Finance	16,975	3.0%	Federal Government/U.S. Postal Service	14,263	2.5%
Nationwide	Insurance	11,235	2.0%	Nationwide	10,947	1.9%
OhioHealth (formerly Grant/Riverside)	Health Care	7,810	1.4%	JP Morgan Chase (formerly Bank One)	10,072	1.7%
Federal Government/U.S. Postal Servi	ce Government	7,770	1.4%	Columbus City School District	8,821	1.5%
City of Columbus	Government	7,739	1.4%	City of Columbus	8,368	1.5%
Columbus City School District	Education	7,095	1.3%	Ohio Health	7,251	1.3%
Franklin County	Government	6,321	1.1%	Limited, Inc.	7,200	1.2%
Mount Carmel Health System	Health Care	5,701	1.0%	Franklin County	6,076	1.1%
Subtotal		119,347	21.3%	Subtotal	118,697	20.6%
Total estimated Franklin				Total estimated Franklin		
County employment <sup>2</sup>		560,600	100.0%	County employment <sup>2</sup>	576,300	100.0%

Note: This table includes full-time employees only.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Business First, Book of Lists, 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Franklin County Auditor.

28,743,005

28,903,096

28,695,371 27,999,978

28,057,691

27,984,335

### District and Franklin County Demographic Statistics 2001 - 2010<sup>1</sup>

**Franklin County Only** 

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35 7

33 8

34,960

36.335 <sup>6</sup>

39.083 <sup>7</sup>

40,009

41,077

39.165 8

**Total Assessed Total Assessed** Value Taxable Per Value Taxable District Property<sup>3</sup> **District** Median **County Property** Tax **Capita** Age<sup>4</sup> Population<sup>2</sup> Population<sup>2</sup> Income<sup>4</sup> (in thousands)<sup>5</sup> Year (in thousands)  $22,110,6\overline{78}$ 2001 1,109,800 22,892,656 1,079,404 32,036 33 2002 1,119,000 25,653,020 1,088,445 33,465 33 24,741,567 2003 1,132,000 1,101,226 34,152 33 24,872,526 25,790,945 2004 1,114,159 33,725 33 25,294,765 1,140,000 26,298,304

1,131,895

1,144,820

1,153,867

1,160,300

1,164,725

1,167,641

29,868,345

30,102,825

29,912,050

30,400,811

28,910,438

28,867,111

1,159,000

1,179,700

1,189,600

1,197,200

1,201,810

1,205,163

2005

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

Sources: SWACO except as noted above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The SWACO solid waste district is principally within Franklin County but also includes parts of five adjacent counties.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> U.S.Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Assessed valuation reflects tax year. Source is Ohio Municipal Advisory Council.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ohio Municipal Advisory Council.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Franklin County Auditor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Ohio Department of Development.

Table 25

**Average Unemployment Rates 2001 - 2010**<sup>1</sup>

Year	Franklin County	<b>State of Ohio</b>	<b>United States</b>
2001	2.8%	4.3%	4.8%
2002	4.4%	5.7%	5.8%
2003	4.7%	6.0%	6.0%
2004	4.8%	6.3%	6.5%
2005	4.9%	5.4%	5.0%
2006	4.5% <sup>2</sup>	5.6% <sup>3</sup>	4.5% <sup>3</sup>
2007	4.7%	5.6%4	4.6%
2008	5.5% <sup>5</sup>	6.6% <sup>5</sup>	5.8% <sup>5</sup>
2009	8.3%4	$10.2\%^{4}$	9.3%4
2010	8.5%4	10.1%4	9.6%4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>2000 - 2005 Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Division of Research and Statistics.

Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Estimates by the Mid-Ohio Planning Regional Planning Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>State of Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation Labor Force Employment & Unemployment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Bureau of Labor Market Information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Franklin County Auditor.

Sanitary Landfill		pital Assets, page 2-30 and Table 7 in the Smation on the landfill.	tatistical Section for
	Capacity	Year	
<u>Transfer Stations</u>	(tons per day)	Constructed	
Jackson Pike	1,750	1983	
Morse Road	650	1974	
Georgesville Road	350	1974	
	Square	Year	
<u>Facilities</u>	<b>Footage</b>	Constructed	
Administrative Office Building	8,500	2002	
Fleet Maintenance Garage	11,120	2000	
Landfill Operations Facility	12,800	2005	
Green Energy Centre	4,280	2008	
Former RASTRA Facility	28,000	2009	
Landfill Equipment		Transfer Station Equipment	
Landfill compactors	4	Transfer tractors	30
Landfill dozers	4	Transfer trailers	32
Excavator/grader/track loader (1 each)	3	Front-end loaders	10
Articulated dump trucks	3	Trackhoes	5
Trailer tippers	2	Service vehicles and other	5
Water trucks	2	Lowboy trailer	1
Other landfill vehicles and equipment	9		
		Other vehicles and equipment	
Recycling Programs		Roll-off trucks	3
Recycled materials packer trucks	7	Pickup trucks	25
Drop-box containers	355	Cars and passenger vans	6
		Street sweepers	3
		Large mowers	8
		Cargo trailers	4

Source: SWACO 3-32

# **COMPLIANCE SECTION**



INSIGHT = INNOVATION = EXPERIENCE

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio Franklin County 4239 London-Groveport Rd. Grove City, OH 43123

To the Audit and Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, which collectively comprise SWACO's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 7, 2011. 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.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered SWACO's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of SWACO's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of SWACO's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected in a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, identified as Significant Deficiency Number 10-1, that we consider to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether SWACO's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

SWACO's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. We did not audit SWACO's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, the Audit and Finance Committee, Auditor of State and others within the entity, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Columbus, Ohio June 7, 2011

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## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES DECEMBER 31, 2010

### Significant Deficiency No. 10-1, Landfill Depletion Expense

Criteria: The calculation for landfill depletion expense should incorporate an estimate of the total budgeted costs to develop the landfill. The methodology for estimating these costs should be documented and applied consistently from year to year.

Condition: Certain landfill development costs that were included in the future capital projects budget were not incorporated in the landfill depletion expense calculation. Proper application of SWACO's methodology dictates that these costs should have been incorporated in the calculation of accumulated landfill depletion and depletion expense.

Cause: SWACO's system of internal controls does not adequately ensure that all landfill development costs are incorporated in the landfill depletion expense calculation.

Effect: This resulted in an understatement of accumulated depletion as of December 31, 2010 and related depletion expense for the year then ended.

### Management Response:

Management agrees that all landfill development costs should be included in the landfill depletion expense calculation. Accounting & Finance is working with Operations to develop a centralized schedule which will capture all capital expenditures. This will eliminate differences between amounts used by Accounting & Finance and Operations, and ensure that all costs are incorporated in the landfill depletion expense calculation.





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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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED AUGUST 2, 2011