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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Lake County
105 Main Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077
and
The Director,
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
50 W. Town Street, Suite 700
Columbus, OH 43215

We have audited, in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of Lake County, Ohio for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have separately issued our unmodified report thereon dated September 23, 2024. These statements present the landfill as a major enterprise fund and also within the County's business-type activities.

In a letter to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency dated September 23, 2024 (the Letter), Christopher Galloway, Lake County Auditor, specified that certain amounts disclosed in that Letter were derived from the independently audited financial statements referred in the first paragraph above.

We have performed the procedures described below on Lake County. Lake County's management is responsible for the information presented in the Letter.

Lake County has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of solely providing assistance to you in determining that certain amounts reported in the Letter agreed to, or can be computed from, amounts presented in the audited basic financial statements. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

As required by Ohio Admin. Code 3745-27-15(L)(5)(c) and 3745-27-16(L)(5)(c), we have agreed the following amounts included in the Letter to the audited financial statements:

Alternative 2, Line No.

- 5 Total assured environmental costs
- 6 Total annual revenue

The amounts on line 6 agree to the basic fund financial statements of Lake County, or can be computed from amounts appearing therein. We followed the definition for line 6 included in the *State Support Document for the Local Government Financial Test*, issued November 27, 1996 by the USEPA. Line 5 includes total assured environmental costs reported in the fund financial statements following Governmental Accounting Statement Number 18.

We were engaged by Lake County to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion respectively, on the letter. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of Lake County and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

September 23, 2024

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LAKE COUNTY LANDFILL FINANCIAL ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION

LAKE COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



Certified for Release 10/8/2024

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