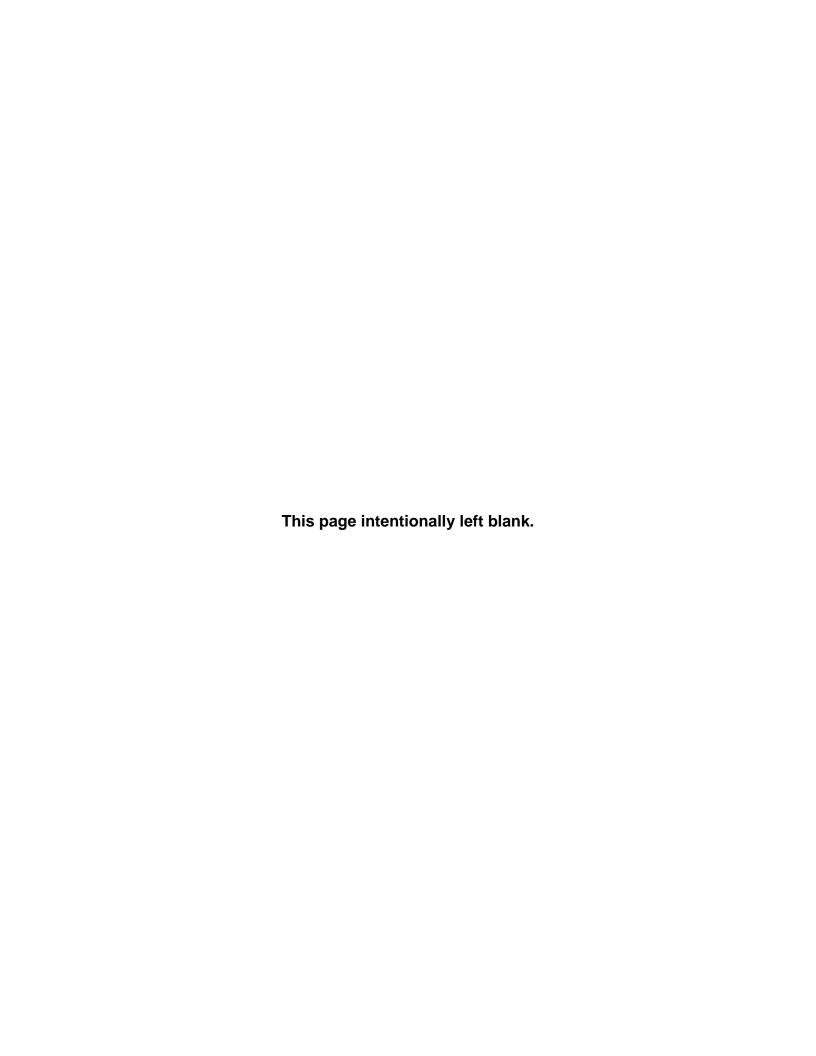




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Athens City-County General Health District Athens County 278 West Union Street Athens, Ohio 45701

To the Board of Health:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

August 5, 2009

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Auditor of State

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Athens City-County General Health District Athens County 278 West Union Street Athens, Ohio 45701

To the Board of Health:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Athens City-County General Health District, Athens County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the District has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity-wide statements and also presenting the District's larger (i.e., major) funds separately. While the District does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require health districts to reformat their statements. The District has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

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In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the Athens City-County General Health District, Athens County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The District has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 5, 2009, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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August 5, 2009

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Governmental Fund Types							
		General		Special Revenue		rmanent Fund	(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Intergovernmental Taxes	\$	506,755 625,562	\$	128,941	\$		\$	635,696 625,562
Permits Fees Licenses Investment Earnings		38,057 68,510		54,458 214,803 213				38,057 122,968 214,803 213
Other Receipts		70,812		6,500				77,312
Total Cash Receipts		1,309,696		404,915		0		1,714,611
Cash Disbursements:		044705		4.45.400				700 400
Salaries Supplies		614,765 25,838		145,428				760,193 25,838
Insurance		176,703						176,703
Settlements		17,578						17,578
Equipment		10,350						10,350
Contracts - Services Travel		46,050 17,797						46,050 17,797
Program Expenditures		129,470		42,158				17,737
Advertising and printing		495		12,100				495
Medicare		7,225		1,645				8,870
Public employee's retirement		122,287						122,287
Worker's compensation		3,693						3,693
Utilities		22,932						22,932
Other		63,711		108,462				172,173
Total Cash Disbursements		1,258,894		297,693		0		1,556,587
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements		50,802		107,222		0		158,024
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):								
Transfers-In		(050)		950				950
Transfers-Out	-	(950)			-		-	(950)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)		(950)		950		0		0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements		40.050		400 470		2		450.004
and Other Financing Disbursements		49,852		108,172		0		158,024
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		255,541		224,490		9,192		489,223
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	305,393	\$	332,662	\$	9,192	\$	647,247
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$	2,798	\$	2,549	\$	0	\$	5,347

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

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Governmental Fund Types							
		Seneral		Special Revenue		manent Fund	(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts:								
Intergovernmental	\$	537,109	\$	103,026	\$		\$	640,135
Taxes	•	587,483	•	,-	•		,	587,483
Permits		30,592						30,592
Fees		79,982		67,399				147,381
Licenses				213,684				213,684
Other Receipts		51,202		698				51,900
Total Cash Receipts		1,286,368		384,807		0		1,671,175
Cash Disbursements:								
Salaries		613,683		108,678				722,361
Supplies		22,071						22,071
Settlements		42,899						42,899
Equipment		3,589						3,589
Contracts - Services		58,230		11,482				69,712
Contracts - Repairs		160,642		1,305				161,947
Travel		24,551						24,551
Program Expenditures		108,920		55,006				163,926
Advertising and printing		500						500
Utilities		21,969						21,969
Public employee's retirement		100,171						100,171
Worker's compensation		3,478						3,478
Unemployment compensation		7,259						7,259
Other		65,512		115,259				180,771
Total Cash Disbursements		1,233,474		291,730		0		1,525,204
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements		52,894		93,077		0		145,971
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):								
Transfers-In				5,000				5,000
Transfers-Out		(5,000)						(5,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)		(5,000)		5,000		0		0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing								
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements								
and Other Financing Disbursements		47,894		98,077		0		145,971
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		207,647		126,413		9,192		343,252
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	255,541	\$	224,490	\$	9,192	\$	489,223
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$	3,759	\$	100	\$	0	\$	3,859

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the AthensCity-County General Health District, Athens County, Ohio (the District), as a body corporate and politic. A five-member Board and a Health Commissioner govern the District. The District's services include inspection and licensing of food establishments, inspections of sewer and water systems, inspection and licensing of solid waste facilities, tuberculosis screening, inspection of trailer parks, birth and death certificates, administration of public health nursing programs and other related services.

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

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The District recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Deposits and Investments

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Athens County Treasurer is custodian for the District's deposits. The County's deposit and investment pool holds the District's assets, valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007 (Continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

<u>Food Service Fund</u> – This fund received monies from licenses issued to food service providers.

<u>Solid Waste Fund</u> – This fund receives monies from licenses issued for the operation of the landfill and solid waste haulers.

3. Permanent Fund

These funds account for assets held under a trust agreement that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, are available to support the District's programs. The District had the following significant Permanent Fund:

<u>Orthopedic Trust Fund</u> – This fund is used to account for the proceeds received from the Minnie Mildred Ruston estate for the benefit of crippled children in Athens County.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to budget each fund annually.

1. Appropriations

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

2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

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

A summary of 2008 and 2007 budgetary activity appears in Note 2.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007 (Continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The District records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

2. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2008 and 2007 follows:

2008 Buagetea	vs. Actual	Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 1,316,945	\$ 1,309,695	\$ (7,250)
Special Revenue	416,441	405,865	(10,576)
Total	\$ 1,733,386	\$ 1,715,560	\$ (17,826)

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Appropriation	Budgetary		
Authority	Expenditures	Variance	
\$ 1,549,622	\$ 1,262,642	\$ 286,980	
430,441	300,242	130,199	
\$ 1,980,063	\$ 1,562,884	\$ 417,179	
	Authority \$ 1,549,622 430,441	Authority Expenditures \$ 1,549,622 \$ 1,262,642 430,441 300,242	

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 1,317,024	\$ 1,286,368	\$ (30,656)
Special Revenue	358,526	389,807	31,281
Total	\$ 1,675,550	\$ 1,676,175	\$ 625

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation Budgetary			
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance	
General	\$ 1,520,962	\$ 1,242,233	\$ 278,729	
Special Revenue	372,526	291,830	80,696	
Total	\$ 1,893,488	\$ 1,534,063	\$ 359,425	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007 (Continued)

3. Intergovernmental Funding

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

4. Retirement System

The District's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2008 and 2007, OPERS members contributed 10% and 9.5%, respectively, of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14% and 13.85%, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2008.

5. Risk Management

The Athens County Commissioners maintain comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for real property, building contents and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. Real property and contents are 90% coinsured. The District is covered by these policies.

6. Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.





INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Athens City-County General Health District Athens County 278 West Union Street Athens, Ohio 45701

To the Board of Health:

We have audited the financial statements of the Athens City-County General Health District, Athens County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 and have issued our report thereon dated August 5, 2009, wherein we noted the District followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider a significant deficiency.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

We consider finding 2008-001 described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

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A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also material weaknesses. We believe finding number 2008-001 is also a material weakness.

We noted certain internal control matters that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated August 5, 2009.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain noncompliance or other matters that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated August 5, 2009.

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. We did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Health. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

August 5, 2009

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

FINDING NUMBER 2008-001

Material Weakness

Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the fiscal officer and governing board and is essential to ensure the information provided to the readers of the financial statements is complete and accurate. The Athens County Auditor's Office is the District's Fiscal Agent who prepares the District's annual financial report.

As a result of the audit procedures performed, we noted the following errors in the financial statements prepared by the Fiscal Agent that required audit adjustments or reclassifications:

2008:

- The Fiscal Agent improperly classified Solid Waste Fund transfers-in as miscellaneous receipts in the amount of \$950.
- The Fiscal Agent improperly classified Public Health Nursing Fund transfers-out as other expenses in the amount of \$1,782.
- The Fiscal Agent posted Construction, Demolition, and Debris fund salaries in the amount of \$5,075 and other expenses in the amount of \$22,731 that should have been posed to the Solid Waste Fund.
- The Fiscal Agent improperly classified Food Service Fund food establishment licenses as inspection fees in the amount of \$30,318.
- The Fiscal Agent improperly classified Construction, Demolition, and Debris Fund fees as licenses and miscellaneous revenue in the amount of \$46,272.
- The Fiscal Agent improperly classified Public Health Infrastructure Fund grant receipts in the amount of \$128,941 and expenditures in the amount of \$42,158 to the General Fund.
- The Fiscal Agent improperly classified General Fund receipts from the County Commissioners to miscellaneous receipts in the amount of \$44,000.
- The Fiscal Agent improperly classified General Fund homestead and rollback receipts as licenses in the amount of \$10,033.

2007:

- The Fiscal Agent improperly classified General Fund intergovernmental receipts as inspection fees, licenses, other receipts, and contractual services in the amount of \$98,944.
- The Fiscal Agent improperly classified Solid Waste Fund transfers-in as miscellaneous receipts in the amount of \$5,000.
- The Fiscal Agent improperly classified Food Service Fund food establishment licenses and miscellaneous revenue in the amount of \$33,056.
- The Fiscal Agent improperly classified Public Health Infrastructure Fund grant receipts in the amount of \$103,026 and expenditures in the amount of \$55,005 to the General Fund.
- The Fiscal Agent improperly classified General Fund receipts from the County Commissioners to miscellaneous receipts in the amount of \$44,000.

Lack of due care in posting correctly resulted in audit adjustments. The audited financial statements reflect the above adjustments.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007 (Continued)

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)

FINDING NUMBER 2008-001 (Continued)

Material Weakness (Continued)

To ensure the District's financial statements and notes to the financial statements are complete and accurate, we recommend the District provide the Fiscal Agent a copy of the audit adjustments for guidance on the correct line items to post various receipts and expenditures of the District in future audit periods. We also recommend the District review the financial statements prepared by the Fiscal Agent before the final annual financial report is filed.

Officials' Response:

The "Fiscal Agent" referred to above has been defined as the County Auditor's Office. The improper classification of funds, licenses, fees, etc., and "lack of due care" were not directly accomplished by health district staff. We recognize our obligation to assure fiscal verity by close collaboration with our partners, and we view your final recommendations as entirely valid.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2006-001	ORC 9.38 Deposits not made within 24 hours of collection.	Yes	
2006-002	Material Weakness- Daily deposits did not equal daily receipts.	Yes	





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 SEPTEMBER 10, 2009