

WRIGHT COUNTY AREA LANDFILL AUTHORITY
CLARION, IOWA

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

June 30, 2006

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Wright County Area Landfill Authority

Officials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Steve Whyte	Chairman	Goldfield
Jerry Cayler	Vice-Chairman	Galt
Arlen Olson	Member	Alexander
Earl Kalkwarf	Member	Belmond
Mike Nail	Member	Clarion
Roseanne Beyer	Member	Dows
Dixie Revland	Member	Goodell
Burneil Jones	Member	Rowan
No Current Appointee	Member	Woolstock
Rod Toftey	Member	Wright County
Jim Meade	Manager	

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Wright County Area Landfill Authority:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of Wright County Area Landfill Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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 statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, this financial statement is prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash basis financial position of Wright County Area Landfill Authority as of June 30, 2006 and the changes in its cash basis financial position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 26, 2006 on our consideration of Wright County Area Landfill Authority'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. 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 the 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.

Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4 through 8 is not a required part of the financial statement, but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquires of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion thereon.

BURTON E. TRACY & CO., P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

October 26, 2006

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Wright County Area Landfill Authority provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Wright County Area Landfill Authority is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Authority's financial statement, which follows.

2006 Financial Highlights

- The Authority's operating receipts increased 8%, or approximately \$52,484, from fiscal 2005 to fiscal 2006.
- The Authority's operating disbursements increased 13%, or approximately \$82,018 from fiscal 2005 to fiscal 2006.
- The Authority's net assets decreased 33%, or approximately \$61,323, from June 30, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

Using This Annual Report

The Authority has elected to present its financial statements on a cash basis of accounting. The cash basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Basis of accounting refers to when financial events are recorded, such as the timing of recognizing, expenses and the related assets and liabilities. Under the Authority's cash basis of accounting, revenues and expenses and the related assets and liabilities are recorded when they result from cash transactions.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues and liabilities and their related expenses are not recorded in these financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

The annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Authority's cash basis of accounting.

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Wright County Area Landfill Authority's basic financial statements. The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

- Management’s Discussion and Analysis introduces the financial statement and provides an analytical overview of the Authority’s financial activities.
- The Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets presents information on the Authority’s operating receipts and disbursements, non-operating receipts and disbursements and whether the Authority’s financial position has improved or deteriorated as a result of the year’s activities.
- The Notes to the Financial Statement provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statement.

Financial Analysis of the Authority

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets

The purpose of the statement is to present the receipts received by the Authority and the disbursements paid by the Authority, both operating and non-operating. The statement also presents a financial snapshot of the Authority’s cash balance at year end. Over time readers of the financial statement are able to determine the Authority’s cash basis financial position by analyzing the increase and decrease in cash basis net assets.

Operating receipts are received for gate fees from accepting solid waste and assessments from the members of the Authority. Operating disbursements are disbursements paid to operate the Wright County Transfer Station. Non-operating receipts and disbursements are for interest on investments, debt proceeds, debt principal and interest.

A summary of cash receipts, disbursements and changes in cash basis net assets for the years ended June 30, 2005 and June 30, 2006 are presented in figure 1.

Figure 1

Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets		
	June 30, 2005	June 30, 2006
<u>Operating Receipts:</u>		
Member assessments	\$276,525	\$276,525
Other transfer station receipts	\$376,917	\$433,739
Recycling	\$6,505	\$3,040
Percentage share from former members	\$5,383	\$4,693
Finance charges	\$ 770	\$587
Total operating receipts	<u>\$666,100</u>	<u>\$718,584</u>

Operating Disbursements:

Salaries and manager contract	\$86,636	\$91,608
Payroll tax & employee benefits	\$22,329	\$26,145
Insurance	\$26,771	\$26,162
Legal & accounting	\$1,530	\$16,601
Administrative expenses	\$5,630	\$6,997
Utilities	\$5,413	\$7,368
Engineering and consulting	\$6,257	\$4,750
Gas & fuel	\$17,721	\$27,336
Well testing and maintenance	\$3,596	\$2,538
RIWMA assessment	\$282,684	\$347,405
Curbside recycling	\$106,339	\$96,624
Other recycling	\$8,083	\$11,232
Miscellaneous expenses	\$1,068	\$1,041
Repairs and improvements	\$26,243	\$16,511
Total operating disbursements	<u>\$600,300</u>	<u>\$682,318</u>
Excess operating receipts and operating disbursements	<u>\$65,800</u>	<u>\$36,266</u>

Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements):

Proceeds from RIWMA land sale	\$6,000	\$6,000
Proceeds from sale of equipment	\$0	\$5,000
Interest on investments	\$1,501	\$1,318
Equipment purchased	\$0	(\$52,197)
Capital loan note principal	(\$34,283)	(\$37,699)
Bank loan principal	(\$5,585)	\$0
Equipment capital lease principal	(\$10,130)	(\$10,591)
Interest expense	(\$13,375)	(\$9,420)
Net non-operating receipts (disbursements)	<u>(\$55,872)</u>	<u>(\$97,589)</u>
Change in cash basis net assets	\$9,928	(\$61,323)
Net assets – cash basis – beginning of year	\$172,164	\$182,092
Net assets – cash basis – end of year	<u>\$182,092</u>	<u>\$120,769</u>

Cash Basis Net Assets:

Restricted for transfer station closing costs	\$13,376	\$14,379
Unrestricted	\$168,716	\$106,390
Total	<u>\$182,092</u>	<u>\$120,769</u>

In fiscal 2006, operating receipts increased by \$52,484 or 7.9%, from fiscal 2005. The increase was primarily a result of an increase in transfer station receipts of (>15%). The transfer station received the highest annual tonnage since its inception in 1989. The transfer station also imposed fines based on a cardboard ban which was initiated by the Board, effective January 1, 2006.

In fiscal 2006, operating disbursements increased by \$82,018, or 13.7%, from fiscal 2005. The increase was primarily a result of higher legal costs (>98.5%), higher fuel costs (>54%) and higher tonnage rates and an assessment at the RIWMA landfill (>22%).

The largest portion of the Authority's net assets (88.1%) are the unrestricted net assets that can be used to meet the Authority's obligations as they come due. The remaining net assets of (11.9%) are the restricted net assets to be used for the closure of the Wright County Transfer Station, at some point in the future. The State law requiring that these funds be set aside in a closure account became effective June 1, 2004. The amount of funds required in this closure account must be recalculated on an annual basis, and as a result, the fund balance will likely change annually. Unrestricted net assets decreased \$62,326, or 36.9%, during the year due to the purchase of a new MSW trailer for the transfer station and due to a construction assessment imposed by RIWMA. Restricted net assets increased \$1,003, or 7.5%, during the fiscal year due to the previous year's payment being made in August and interest paid on the account. No payments were required to be paid into the account for this fiscal year.

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2006, the Authority had \$127,323 of revenue bonds outstanding. The bonds were sold in 1994 to finance the closure costs on the Wright County Landfill. The Authority also had \$5,555 outstanding on a capital lease for the purchase of a wheel loader. The wheel loader was purchased in 2002 for use at the Transfer Station. There was no new debt issued during fiscal year 2006.

Economic Factors

The Wright County Area Landfill Authority's financial position declined during the 2006 fiscal year, following an improvement in the 2005 fiscal year. One major factor contributing to this decline was the cash purchase (\$52,197) of a new MAW trailer for the transfer station. Another major contributing factor was an unplanned construction assessment (\$28,960) imposed by RIWMA on the Authority.

In an effort to reduce the disposal costs and any unplanned assessments, the Authority withdrew from RIWMA on June 30, 2006. The Authority is anticipating an exorbitant claim, by RIWMA, for withdrawal costs. In July 2006, the Authority borrowed \$400,000 to meet these anticipated costs. The Authority has since contracted for disposal services, as a non-member, with the Landfill of North Iowa.

Contacting the Authority's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to show the Authority's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Wright County Area Landfill Authority at PO Box 173, Clarion, Iowa 50525.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

WRIGHT COUNTY AREA LANDFILL AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN
CASH BASIS NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

<u>Operating receipts</u>	\$
Member assessments	276,525
Other transfer station receipts	433,739
Recycling	3,040
Percentage share from former members	4,693
Finance charges	587
Total operating receipts	<u>718,584</u>
<u>Operating disbursements</u>	
Salaries and manager contract	91,608
Payroll taxes & employee benefits	26,145
Insurance	26,162
Legal & accounting	16,601
Administrative expenses	6,997
Utilities	7,368
Engineering and consulting	4,750
Fuel	27,336
Well testing and maintenance	2,538
RIWMA assessment	347,405
Curbside recycling	96,624
Other recycling	11,232
Miscellaneous expenses	1,041
Repairs and improvements	16,511
Total operating disbursements	<u>682,318</u>
Excess of operating receipts over operating disbursements	<u>36,266</u>
Non-operating receipts (disbursements):	
Proceeds from sale of equipment	5,000
Proceeds from RIWMA land sale	6,000
Interest on investments	1,318
Equipment purchased	(52,197)
Capital loan note principal	(37,699)
Equipment capital lease principal	(10,591)
Interest expense	(9,420)
Net nonoperating receipts (disbursements)	<u>(97,589)</u>
Net change in cash basis net assets	(61,323)
Cash basis net assets beginning of year	<u>182,092</u>
Cash basis net assets end of year	<u><u>120,769</u></u>
Cash basis net assets	
Restricted for transfer station closure	14,379
Unrestricted	<u>106,390</u>
Total cash basis net assets	<u><u>120,769</u></u>

See Notes to Financial Statement

WRIGHT COUNTY AREA LANDFILL AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JUNE 30, 2006

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Wright County Area Landfill Authority is a separate legal entity incorporated under Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa. Its purpose is to provide economic disposal, or collection and disposal, of solid waste produced or generated within each member city, town or unincorporated portion of Wright County, Iowa, and to cooperate with public officials in preventing the contamination and pollution of the land, water and air resources of the area.

Up until June 30, 2006 Wright County Area Landfill Authority was a member of the Rural Iowa Waste Management Association (RIWMA). RIWMA is a separate entity organized under the provisions of Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code. The 28E agreement was made and entered into by and between Hardin County Sanitary Solid Waste Disposal Commission, Butler County Solid Waste Commission, and Wright County Area Landfill Authority to effectively provide for the sanitary disposal of solid waste within their boundaries through the joint operation of a landfill site and the initiation of such other solid waste reduction or recycling programs as deemed necessary and beneficial to the citizens they serve. RIWMA operates a landfill in Hardin County.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the Wright County Area Landfill Authority has included all funds, organizations, account groups, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The Authority has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Authority are such that exclusion would cause the Authority's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the Authority to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the Authority. The Wright County Area Landfill Authority has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Authority are organized as an Enterprise Fund. Enterprise Funds are utilized to finance and account for the acquisition, operation and maintenance of governmental facilities and services supported by user charges. Enterprise Funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from

nonoperating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with an Enterprise Fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating receipts and disbursements.

C. Basis of Accounting

Wright County Area Landfill Authority maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the Authority are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items, including the estimated payable for closure and postclosure care costs. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present the financial position and results of operations of the Authority in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

D. Net Assets

Funds set aside for payment of transfer station closure are classified as restricted.

(2) Cash and Investments

The Authority's deposits in banks at June 30, 2006 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Authority is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Authority; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The Authority had no investments meeting the disclosure requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3 as amended by Statement No. 40.

(3) Pension and Retirement Benefits

The Authority contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS), which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes

financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Plan members are required to contribute 3.70% of their annual covered salary and the Authority is required to contribute 5.75% of annual covered payroll. Contributions requirements are established by state statute. The Authority's contributions to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 were \$5,344, \$4,875 and \$4,903, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

(4) Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs

The Authority ceased operations at its landfill in Wright County on July 1, 1994. The Landfill was covered with dirt during the year ending June 30, 1995. The Authority must monitor the landfill for contamination for the next 19 years. The Authority does not have an estimate of post closure costs for the next 19 years. Per the 28E agreement Wright County and each participating city have agreed to share in the post closure costs of the Wright County Landfill.

(5) Transfer Station Closure Care

To comply with state regulations, the Authority is required to complete a closure plan detailing how the transfer station will comply with proper disposal of all solid waste and litter at the site, cleaning the transfer station building, including the rinsing of all surfaces that have come in contact with solid waste or washwater, cleaning of all solid waste transport vehicles that will remain on site, including the rinsing of all surfaces that have come in contact with solid waste, and the removal and proper management of all washwater in the washwater management system.

To comply with state regulations, the Authority is required to maintain a closure account as financial assurance for the closure care costs. The effect of the state requirement is to commit landfill owners to perform certain closing functions as a condition for the right to operate the transfer station in the current period.

The total closure care costs for the Authority as of June 30, 2006 have been estimated at \$11,979. At June 30, 2006 the Authority's savings account restricted for transfer station closing costs contains \$14,379.

(6) Risk Management

The Wright County Area Landfill Authority is a member in the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool, as allowed by chapter 670.7 of the Code of Iowa. The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (Pool) is a local government risk-sharing pool whose 531 members include various governmental entities throughout the State of Iowa. The Pool was formed in August 1986 for the purpose of managing and funding third-party liability claims against its members. The Pool provides coverage and protection in the following categories: general liability, automobile liability, automobile physical damage, public officials liability, police professional liability, property, inland marine and boiler/machinery. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from prior years.

Each member's annual casualty contributions to the Pool fund current operations and provide capital. Annual operating contributions are those amounts necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses, claims, claims expenses and reinsurance expenses due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Capital contributions are made during the first six years of membership and are maintained to equal 300 percent of the total current members' basis rates or to comply with the requirements of any applicable regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Pool.

The Pool also provides property coverage. Members who elect such coverage make annual operating contributions which are necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses and reinsurance premiums, all of which are due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Any year-end operating surplus is transferred to capital. Deficiencies in operations are offset by transfers from capital and, if insufficient, by the subsequent year's member contributions.

The Authority's property and casualty contributions to the risk pool are recorded as disbursements from its operating funds at the time of payment to the risk pool. The Authority's annual contributions to the Pool for the year ended June 30, 2006 were \$21,121.

The Pool uses reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses. The Pool retains general, automobile, police professional, and public officials' liability risks up to \$350,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in aggregate per year. For members requiring specific coverage from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, such excess coverage is also reinsured. All property risks, including automobile physical damage, are also reinsured on an individual-member basis.

The Pool's intergovernmental contract with its members provides that in the event a casualty claim or series of claims exceeds the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the member's risk-sharing certificate, or in the event that a series of casualty claims exhausts total members' equity plus any reinsurance and any excess risk-sharing recoveries, then payment of such claims shall be the obligation of the respective individual member. As of June 30, 2006, settled claims have not exceeded the risk pool or reinsurance company coverage since the pool's inception.

Members agree to continue membership in the Pool for a period of not less than one full year. After such period, a member who has given 60 days' prior written notice may withdraw from the Pool. Upon withdrawal, payments for all claims and claims expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the member's withdrawal. Members withdrawing within the first six years of membership may receive a partial refund of their capital contributions. If a member withdraws after the sixth year, the member is refunded 100 percent of its capital contributions. However, the refund is reduced by an amount equal to the annual operating contribution which the withdrawing member would have made for the one-year period following withdrawal.

The Authority also carries commercial insurance purchased from other insurers for coverage associated with workers compensation and fidelity bonds. The Authority assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(7) Long-Term Debt

On March 30, 1994 Wright County issued \$460,000 of general obligation capital loan notes at a rate of 5.75%, that mature on June 1, 2009. The notes are payable in semiannual payments due on the 1st day of June and December. The purpose of the issue is to pay costs of acquiring and constructing works and facilities useful for the collection and disposal of solid waste, including certain landfill closure costs, the acquisition of equipment and machinery, transfer station improvements and composting facilities.

The Authority received the \$460,000 of note proceeds from the county and pledged the Authority's revenue for repayment of the notes.

Following is a summary of note principal maturities and interest requirements:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$
2007	39,831	6,769	46,600
2008	42,154	4,446	46,600
2009	<u>45,338</u>	<u>1,988</u>	<u>47,326</u>
	<u>127,323</u>	<u>13,203</u>	<u>140,526</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2006, \$37,699 of principal and \$8,901 of interest were repaid.

The Authority purchased a wheel loader using a capital lease. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under the capital lease, together with the net present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2006.

	<u>Year Ending</u> <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
		\$
	2006	5,555
Less amount representing interest		<u>86</u>

Present value of minimum lease payments 5,469

Lease payments for the year ended June 30, 2006 totaled \$11,110.

(7) Contingencies/Subsequent Event

Wright County Area Landfill Authority withdrew its membership in Rural Iowa Waste Management Association effective June 30, 2006. Even though Wright County Landfill Association is no longer a member; it is still liable for its proportional share of Rural Iowa Waste Management Association's debts and liabilities. The two entities are currently negotiating Wright County Landfill Authority's proportional share of the liabilities. The liability is estimated at \$300,000 to \$456,000.

On July 1, 2006 Wright County Landfill Authority borrowed \$400,000 that will be used to pay its share of Rural Iowa Waste Management's debts and liabilities. The loan will be repaid over five years.

July 1, 2006 Wright County Landfill Authority began delivering its waste to Landfill of North Iowa. Wright County Landfill Authority is not a member of Landfill of North Iowa.

(8) Related Parties

The Authority has purchased supplies in the amount of \$1,976 from Cayler Auto Supply, which is owned by Jerry Cayler. Jerry Cayler is a board member of the Authority. The Authority also purchased \$27 in supplies from North Central Coop. Authority board member Mike Nail is manager of North Central Coop.

Independent Auditor's 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

To the Members of the Wright County Landfill Authority:

We have audited the financial statement of Wright County Area Landfill Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated October 26, 2006. Our report expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statement, which was prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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 Wright County Area Landfill Authority's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we considered to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Wright County Area Landfill Authority's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statement. The reportable conditions are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our considerations of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclosed all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However of the reportable conditions described above, we believe item (A) is a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Wright County Area Landfill Authority's financial statement is 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.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Authority's operations for the year ended June 30, 2006 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statement of the Authority. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the members and customers of Wright County Area Landfill Authority and other parties to whom Wright County Area Landfill Authority may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of Wright County Area Landfill Authority during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

BURTON E. TRACY & CO., P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

October 26, 2006

Wright County Area Landfill Authority

Schedule of Findings

Year Ended June 30, 2006

Part I: Findings Related to the Financial Statement:

Instances of Noncompliance:

No matters were reported.

Reportable Conditions:

(A) SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Comment - One important aspect of internal accounting control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an employee from handling duties which are incompatible. We noted that one person was responsible for almost all accounting functions.

Recommendation - We realize that with a limited number of employees, segregation of duties is difficult. However, the Landfill Authority should review its procedures to obtain the maximum control possible under the circumstances.

Authority Response - We are aware of the lack of segregation of duties. We are compensating for this by requiring two signatures on checks over \$1,000 and by reviewing bank statement transactions and financial reports at board meetings.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

(B) EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

Comment - The Authority does not have a written inventory of equipment that it owns. A physical inventory is necessary to maintain control over assets and will be necessary in the event of disaster or theft.

Recommendation - The Authority should create a physical inventory and should update it when assets are purchased or disposed of. The inventory list should be compared to the actual equipment at least annually.

Authority Response - We will create an equipment inventory and develop procedures to keep it updated.

Conclusion - Response accept

Wright County Area Landfill Authority

Schedule of Findings

Year Ended June 30, 2006

Part II: Other Findings Related to Statutory Reporting:

- (1) Questionable Disbursements – No disbursements we believe may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in the Attorney General’s opinion dated April 25, 1979 were noted.
- (2) Travel Expense - No disbursements of Authority money for travel expenses of spouses of Authority officials or employees were noted.
- (3) Authority Minutes - No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Authority minutes but were not.
- (4) Deposits and Investments - No instances of noncompliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Authority’s investment policy were noted.
- (5) Solid Waste Fees Retained - During the year ended June 30, 2006, the Authority used the solid waste fees distributed to it by Rural Iowa Waste Management Association in accordance with Chapters 455B.310(3) and (4) of the Code of Iowa.
- (6) Financial Assurance - Wright County Area Landfill Authority does not operate a landfill. The Authority’s landfill was closed prior to the financial assurance requirements.

Wright County Landfill Authority does operate a transfer station. At June 30, 2006 the estimated closing costs for the transfer station are \$11,979. The Authority has demonstrated financial assurance for the estimated closing costs by establishing a local government dedicated fund. The dedicated fund has a balance of \$14,379 at June 30, 2006.