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EVANGELINE PARISH SOLID WASTE
DISPOSAL COMMISSION, STATE OF LOUISIANA
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
JUNE 30, 1999

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the President and Commission Members
Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission
Ville Platte, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying component unit financial statements of the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission, a component unit of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1999, as listed in the table of contents. These component unit financial statements are the responsibility of the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these component unit financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with 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 I 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 general purpose financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission, as of June 30, 1999, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated November 15, 1999 on my consideration of the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants.

My audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the component unit financial statements of the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission, Louisiana, taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund and account group financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the component unit financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the component unit financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly presented, in all material respects, in relation to the component unit financial statements taken as a whole.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Technical Bulletin 98-1 requires disclosure of certain matters regarding year 2000 and its potential impact upon the computers and other electronic devices that may impact upon the performance of the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission, Louisiana. The Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission has made disclosures intending to comply with that Technical Bulletin in Note H. I have not audited the assertions made in that note, and I provide no assurance as to those assertions. In particular, I provide no assurance that the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission, Louisiana is or will be Year 2000 ready, that its Year 2000 efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with whom the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission, Louisiana does business will be Year 2000 ready. I have reviewed the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission, Louisiana's commitments including contractual obligations for future expenditures and opine that the accompanying financial statements, taken as a whole, fairly present in all material respects, those commitments without expressing any opinion as to whether those commitments will be sufficient to resolve the year 2000 issue as that issue may impact upon the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission, Louisiana.

Michael W. Johnson

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November 15, 1999

COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Combined Statements - Overview)

EVANGELINE PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 1999

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUPS	
	GENERAL	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT
ASSETS			
Cash on Deposit	\$711,020	\$	\$
Accrued Interest	1,415		
Accounts Receivable	13,269		
Security Deposits	375		
Prepaid Expenses			
Fixed Assets		1,942,442	
Amount to be Provided from General Fund for Retirement of Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 1997			<u>462,000</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$726,079</u>	<u>\$1,942,442</u>	<u>\$462,000</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$141,650	\$	\$
Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 1997			<u>462,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$141,650</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$462,000</u>
Fund Equity:			
Investments in General Fixed Assets	\$	\$1,942,442	\$
Fund Balance:			
Unreserved-Undesignated	<u>584,429</u>		
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$584,429</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>\$584,429</u>	<u>\$1,942,442</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$726,079</u>	<u>\$1,942,442</u>	<u>\$462,000</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

EVANGELINE PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

	<u>GENERAL</u>
<u>REVENUES:</u>	
Taxes	\$2,222,355
Site Charges	64,250
Rent	10,440
Intergovernmental Revenue	37,022
Interest	37,840
Miscellaneous	4,911
Total Revenues	<u>\$2,376,818</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	
Current Operating	\$2,101,761
Capital Outlay	459,931
Debt Service	65,365
Total Expenditures	<u>\$2,627,057</u>
<u>EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES</u> <u>OVER EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$ (250,239)</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</u>	
Sale of Assets	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
<u>EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES AND</u> <u>OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND</u> <u>OTHER USES</u>	<u>\$ (235,239)</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	<u>819,668</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR</u>	<u>\$ 584,429</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

EVANGELINE PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>REVENUES:</u>		
Taxes	\$2,150,000	\$2,222,355
Site Charges	53,350	64,250
Rent	10,500	10,440
Intergovernmental Revenue	-0-	37,022
Interest	40,000	37,840
Miscellaneous	5,100	4,911
Total Revenues	<u>\$2,258,950</u>	<u>\$2,376,818</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>		
Current Operating	\$2,104,347	\$2,101,761
Debt Service	92,400	65,365
Capital Outlay	438,700	459,931
Total Expenditures	<u>\$2,635,447</u>	<u>\$2,627,057</u>
<u>EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES</u> <u>OVER EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$ (376,497)</u>	<u>\$ (250,239)</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</u>		
Sale of Assets	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
<u>EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES</u> <u>AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES</u> <u>AND OTHER USES</u>	<u>\$ (361,497)</u>	<u>\$ (235,239)</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	<u>819,668</u>	<u>819,668</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR</u>	<u>\$ 458,171</u>	<u>\$ 584,429</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

EVANGELINE PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1999

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies affecting their presentation.

1. Reporting Entity

This report includes all of the funds and account groups of the Commission. It includes all activities considered to be part of (controlled by or dependent on) the Commission.

2. Basis of Accounting

The accounts of the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operation of each fund is accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Sales taxes are recognized as revenue when in the hands of intermediary collecting governments.

Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

General Fund - The General Fund is the General Operating Fund of the Commission. It is used to account for all Financial Resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The principal revenue of the commission comes from proceeds of a 1% sales and use tax election held on November 6, 1984.

EVANGELINE PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONT'D.

3. Fixed Assets and Long-Term Liabilities

Fixed Assets used in governmental fund operations (General Fixed Assets) are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in governmental funds. Public Domain ("Infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, including dumpster site improvements and ramps and facilities at dumpster sites, and leasehold improvements to the commission office, are capitalized along with other general fixed assets. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from governmental funds are accounted for in the general long-term debt account group, not in the governmental fund.

The two account groups are not "funds". They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position. They are not involved with measurement of results of operations.

4. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Commission follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements:

- a. The Commission manager meets with the Budget and Finance Committee to draw up the budget, before the beginning of the new year. At the Budget Committee meeting they recommend that the commission accept the budget presented to them. If there are no objections, it is then moved and seconded that they accept the recommendations of the Budget and Finance Committee. The Commission voted to accept the original budget at a special meeting held on June 8, 1998. The Commission voted to accept the amended budget as presented at their May 10, 1999 regular meeting.
- b. All Budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

5. Capitalization of Construction Period Interest Cost

The Commission capitalizes interest costs when incurred on debt where proceeds are used to finance the construction of assets. Total interest costs capitalized during the year ended June 30, 1999 were \$24,349.

EVANGELINE PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONT'D.

NOTE B - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance at 6/30/98	Additions	Deletions	Balance at 6/30/99
Land	\$ 68,680	\$	\$	\$ 68,680
Improvements Other Than Buildings	395,611	498,708		894,319
Buildings	230,744			230,744
Equipment	689,223	99,476	40,000	748,699
Construction-in- Progress	<u>138,254</u>	<u>281,418</u>	<u>419,672</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total	<u>\$1,522,512</u>	<u>\$879,602</u>	<u>\$459,672</u>	<u>\$1,942,442</u>

NOTE C - CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

	General Obligation
Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 1997	
Balance July 1, 1998	\$506,000
Payments During Year	<u>44,000</u>
Balance, June 30, 1999	<u>\$462,000</u>
Note to Evangeline Parish Police Jury	
Balance, July 1, 1998	\$ 15,860
Payments During Year	<u>15,860</u>
Balance, June 30, 1999	<u>\$ -0-</u>

Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 1997 is comprised of the following outstanding issues at June 30, 1999:

\$462,000 of Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 1997, of the Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission District, State of Louisiana dated June 10, 1997, due in annual installments and bearing interest at the rate of 5.75% per annum payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1.

EVANGELINE PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONT'D.

The annual requirements to amortize this debt outstanding as of June 30, 1999 is as follows:

ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE
CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, SERIES, 1997
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>June 30,</u>	<u>General</u> <u>Obligation</u>
2000	\$ 47,000
2001	50,000
2002	53,000
2003	56,000
2004	59,000
2005	62,000
2006	66,000
2007	<u>69,000</u>
Total	<u>\$462,000</u>

Note to Evangeline Parish Police Jury:

The \$100,000 note payable to the Evangeline Parish Police Jury was paid in full during the year ended June 30, 1999.

NOTE D - RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS

As of January 1, 1991, all eligible employees of the Solid Waste Commission became members of the State Parochial Employees Retirement System. Contributions to the system are made by both employees and the commission as a percentage of salaries. Future deficits in the system will be financed by the state and the commission will have no further liability to the system, except current contributions. Data concerning the actual status of the system is not available. The Commission contributed \$22,648 on wages of \$292,236 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999.

EVANGELINE PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONT'D.

NOTE E - SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO COMMISSIONERS:

<u>NAME OF COMMISSIONER</u>	<u>Travel</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bernice Ardoin	\$ 205	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,405
Curley Dossman	53	1,700	1,753
Howard Dupre	83	2,400	2,483
Leon Estes	581	2,200	2,781
Dillard Fontenot	250	2,400	2,650
Roy Fontenot	74	2,400	2,474
Ray Forman	372	2,400	2,772
Gloria Frank	59	2,000	2,059
John Deshotel	558	2,400	2,958
Lionel Manuel	149	2,400	2,549
J. Dowell Deshotel	89	2,400	2,489
Roy L. Johnson	223	2,400	2,623
Jake Dupuis	140	2,400	2,540
Derutha Dossman	12	400	412
Margaret Frank	9	200	209
Total	<u>\$2,857</u>	<u>\$30,300</u>	<u>\$33,157</u>

NOTE F - CASH

The Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission's cash deposits with Citizens's Bank and Evangeline Bank & Trust Co. of Ville Platte, LA totaled \$548,404 per bank confirmation on the balance sheet date of June 30, 1999. These deposits were insured and collateralized at that date as follows:

FDIC Insurance	\$113,106
Cash Collateralized	<u>\$435,298</u>
Total Insurance and Collateral	<u>\$548,404</u>

Cash was adequately collateralized at June 30, 1999.

NOTE G - LITIGATION

The Commission does not have any pending or threatened litigation as of June 30, 1999.

EVANGELINE PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONT'D.

NOTE H - "YEAR 2000" ISSUE

The "Year 2000" problem is the result of computer programs being written using two digits rather than four to define the applicable year. The Commission has begun the awareness stage of implementing a "Year 2000" compliant system. This stage involves establishing a budget and project plan for dealing with the "Year 2000" issue. The Commission has yet to enter the assessment, remediation, and validation/testing stages. The Commission has not estimated the cost of addressing the "Year 2000" issue nor has it committed a significant amount of resources to make computer systems and other electronic equipment "Year 2000" - compliant. The impact on the Commission's operations of failing to make its systems "Year 2000" - compliant in a timely manner cannot presently be determined.

GENERAL FUND

To account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

EVANGELINE PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENDITURES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999, WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>General and Administrative</u>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 85,000	\$ 83,986
Commissioner Salaries	31,200	30,300
Advertising	2,000	1,841
Truck Allowance	7,200	7,200
Dues, Subscriptions and Registrations	2,000	1,518
Fringe Benefits	12,900	5,047
Legal and Accounting	25,000	17,800
Office Supplies	13,100	12,394
Professional Fees	6,200	5,108
Repairs and Maintenance	25,000	34,874
Operating Supplies	13,800	13,408
Telephone	7,400	7,279
Travel	8,000	7,394
Utilities	6,000	5,668
Insurance	76,000	75,390
Meals - Entertainment	4,000	3,816
Miscellaneous	7,125	6,061
Recycling Expense	10,100	13,107
Service Contract - Residential	950,000	946,787
Service Contract - Commercial	81,000	81,674
Closing of Dump Sites and Landfills	13,200	13,747
White Good Removal	7,700	7,874
Debt Service	92,400	65,365
Capital Outlay	61,000	55,360
Bad Debt Expense	300	205
Payroll Tax Expense	-0-	4,127
Drug Testing and Safety Expense	6,300	6,846
Total	<u>\$1,553,925</u>	<u>\$1,514,176</u>
 <u>Ville Platte Site</u>		
Wages	\$ 72,000	\$ 70,645
Fringe Benefits	8,300	3,304
Service Contract - Collection and Roll-Offs	119,500	122,588
Repairs and Maintenance	44,304	28,514
Operating Supplies	4,300	3,332
Tire Disposal	12,000	9,574
Telephone	1,000	576
Utilities	1,000	744
Capital Outlay	5,000	4,880
Payroll Taxes	-0-	2,561
Total	<u>\$ 267,404</u>	<u>\$ 246,718</u>

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EVANGELINE PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENDITURES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Basile Site:</u>		
Wages	\$ 27,000	\$ 26,346
Fringe Benefits	2,900	1,033
Service Contract-Collection and Roll-Offs	14,775	14,415
Repairs and Maintenance	10,000	20,131
Operating Supplies	2,475	2,064
Telephone	875	795
Utilities	900	807
Payroll Taxes	-0-	996
Total	<u>\$ 58,925</u>	<u>\$ 66,587</u>
 <u>Pine Prairie Site</u>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 34,500	\$ 35,064
Fringe Benefits	4,575	2,190
Service Contract-Collection and Roll-Offs	30,300	33,810
Repairs and Maintenance	4,810	3,753
Operating Supplies	2,500	1,987
Telephone	600	552
Utilities	900	857
Payroll Taxes	-0-	1,281
Total	<u>\$ 78,185</u>	<u>\$ 79,494</u>
 <u>Mamou Site</u>		
Salaries	\$ 11,800	\$ 11,355
Fringe Benefits	1,500	645
Service Contract-Collection and Roll-Offs	19,400	21,053
Repairs and Maintenance	600	302
Backhoe Repairs and Maintenance	2,000	917
Operating Supplies	2,600	2,259
Telephone	1,000	444
Utilities	1,200	941
Capital Outlay	340,000	358,074
Payroll Taxes	-0-	427
Total	<u>\$ 380,100</u>	<u>\$ 396,417</u>

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EVANGELINE PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENDITURES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999
(Continued)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Limb Crew</u>		
Wages	\$ 82,000	\$ 104,815
Truck, Gas and Maintenance	19,000	20,288
Fringe Benefits	14,775	8,135
Operating Supplies	15,960	12,510
Chipper Repairs and Maintenance	9,500	10,614
Telephone	2,300	2,409
Payroll Taxes	-0-	3,700
Capital Outlay	<u>30,500</u>	<u>30,495</u>
Total	<u>\$ 174,035</u>	<u>\$ 192,966</u>
 <u>Roll-Off Service</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$ 29,240	\$ 30,963
Fringe Benefits	4,475	2,566
Repairs and Maintenance	13,755	10,879
Shop Expense	29,960	32,565
Truck, Fuel, Oil and Tires	40,925	39,100
Telephone	2,318	2,366
Capital Outlay	2,200	11,122
Payroll Taxes	-0-	1,138
Total	<u>\$ 122,873</u>	<u>\$ 130,699</u>
Total Operating Expenditures	<u>\$2,635,447</u>	<u>\$2,627,057</u>

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable President and Commission Members
Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission
Ville Platte, Louisiana

I have audited the financial statements of Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission as of and for the year ended June 30, 1999, and have issued my report thereon dated November 15, 1999. I conducted my audit in accordance with 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.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 1999-2.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting.

However, I noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to my attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control

over financial reporting that, in my judgment, could adversely affect Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 1999-1 and 1999-2.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. My consideration 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 disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the reportable conditions described above, I consider item 1999-2 to be a material weakness.

This report is intended for the information of management, the commission members, and the Legislative Auditor. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



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EVANGELINE PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

I have audited the financial statements of Evangeline Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission as of and for the year ended June 30, 1999, and have issued my report thereon dated November 15, 1999. I conducted my audit in accordance with 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. My audit of the financial statements as of June 30, 1999 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

- a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses Yes No Reportable Conditions Yes No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes No

Section II Financial Statement Findings

1999-1. Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Finding: The segregation of duties is inadequate to provide effective internal control.

Cause: The condition is due to economic and space limitations.

Recommendation: No action is recommended.

1999-2. Violation of State Bid Law

Finding: The Commission purchased equipment and subcontracted for a public works project for amounts in excess of the state's minimum bid requirement level without advertising and letting to the lowest bidder as required by the Louisiana Bid Law.

Cause: Management overlooked this requirement.

Recommendation: Management should comply with the Louisiana Bid Law by advertising and letting to the lowest bidder for all purchases of materials and supplies and public works projects for amounts exceeding the state's minimum bid requirement level.

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MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
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1999-2 Violation of State Bid Law:

Management should comply with the Louisiana Bid Law by advertising and letting to the lowest bidder for all purchases of materials and supplies and public works projects for amounts exceeding the state's minimum bid requirement level.

Management has begun consulting with the Commission's attorney before purchasing materials and supplies and public works projects for amounts exceeding the state's minimum bid requirement level. The attorney then advises management as to whether or not it is necessary for the Commission to advertise and let to the lowest bidder before making such purchases.

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1998-1 Inadequate Segregation of Duties. Unresolved, See 1999-1 on Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

1998-2 Violation of State Bid Law. Unresolved, See 1999-2 on Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.