



**BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA  
CAMBRIA COUNTY  
11-434**

**LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
EXAMINATION REPORT**

**FOR THE PERIOD  
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BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA  
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LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
BACKGROUND  
FOR THE PERIOD  
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Background

The Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law, Title 72 P.S. § 2615.5, provides municipalities other than counties (townships, boroughs, cities, towns, home rule, and optional plan governments) with an annual allocation of liquid fuels taxes from the state's Motor License Fund to be used for the maintenance and repair of streets, roads, and bridges for which the municipality is responsible. The allocation of these funds to municipalities is based: (1) 50 percent on the municipality's proportion of local road mileage to the total local road mileage in the state, and (2) 50 percent on the proportion of a municipality's population to the total population in the state.

*The Vehicle Code*, Title 75 P.S. § 9511, provides municipalities with annual maintenance payments to be received from the Motor License Fund for functionally local highways that were transferred to a municipality from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Each municipality must deposit the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money and annual maintenance payments that it receives into a special fund called the Municipal Liquid Fuels Tax Fund or State Fund. A municipality may not deposit any other monies into this fund except when the municipality does not have enough money in the special fund to meet the payments called for by its current annual budget for road and bridge purposes. In this case, the municipality may borrow money or transfer money from its General Fund to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

The Department of Transportation has been given the regulatory authority for the administration of these funds. To qualify for its annual allocation, each municipality shall submit the following documents and information to the Department of Transportation:

1. Evidence that the treasurer is bonded in accordance with the law, or that its treasurer is a bank requiring no bond by January 31 of each year.
2. A report indicating the manner in which its liquid fuels tax allocation was expended in the previous year (Form MS-965) by January 31 of each year.
3. A report of elected and appointed officials by January 31 of each year.
4. A Survey of Financial Condition by March 15 of each year.

Department of Transportation *Publication 9* contains the policies and procedures that govern the use of Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money. However, if there is a difference between *Publication 9* and any legislation, the legislation shall govern.





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### Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Barry J. Schoch, P.E.  
Secretary  
Department of Transportation  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

We examined the accompanying Forms MS-965 With Adjustments for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund of the Borough of Northern Cambria, Cambria County, for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. The municipality's management is responsible for the Forms MS-965. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Forms MS-965 With Adjustments based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. An examination includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the Borough of Northern Cambria, Cambria County's Forms MS-965 for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008 and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are mandated by Section 403 of *The Fiscal Code*, 72 P.S. § 403, to audit each municipality's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund to ensure that funds received are expended in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States include attestation engagements as a separate type of audit. An attestation engagement performed pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards* involves additional standards that exceed the standards provided by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Accordingly, this attestation engagement complies with both *Government Auditing Standards* and Section 403 of *The Fiscal Code*.

As described in Note 4, the adjustments included on the Forms MS-965 With Adjustments are made by the Department of the Auditor General.

### Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

In our opinion, the Forms MS-965 With Adjustments present, in all material respects, the information required by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund of the Borough of Northern Cambria, Cambria County, for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008, in conformity with the criteria set forth in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report findings of significant deficiencies in internal control, violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and abuse that are material to the Forms MS-965 and any fraud and illegal acts that are more than inconsequential that come to our attention during our examination. We are also required to obtain the views of management on those matters. We performed our examination to express an opinion on whether the Forms MS-965 are presented in accordance with the criteria described above and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over reporting on the Forms MS-965 or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Borough of Northern Cambria, Cambria County's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report data reliably in accordance with the applicable criteria such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Borough of Northern Cambria, Cambria County's Forms MS-965 that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Borough of Northern Cambria, Cambria County's internal control. We consider the deficiency described in the finding below to be a significant deficiency in internal control over reporting on the Forms MS-965:

- Payment Of Falsified Bills.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency or combination of significant deficiencies that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the Forms MS-965 will not be prevented or detected by the Borough of Northern Cambria, Cambria County's internal control. Our consideration of the internal control over reporting on the Forms MS-965 would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. We consider the significant deficiency described above to be a material weakness.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we did note an other matter that, while not required to be included in this report by *Government Auditing Standards*, has been included in the finding below:

- Nonpermissible Expenditures.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the management of the Borough of Northern Cambria, Cambria County, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



April 23, 2010

**EUGENE A. DEPASQUALE**  
Auditor General





BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA  
 CAMBRIA COUNTY  
 LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
 2007 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 1  
 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments (Note 4)</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
Major equipment purchases	\$ 10,367.47	\$ (3,898.75)	\$ 6,468.72
Minor equipment purchases	-	3,898.75	3,898.75
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	40,981.55	(1,533.03)	39,448.52
Traffic control devices	701.29	(362.48)	338.81
Street lighting	34,594.32	-	34,594.32
Storm sewers and drains	-	-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	24,939.49	-	24,939.49
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	56,610.38	-	56,610.38
Miscellaneous (Note 5)	-	1,895.51	1,895.51
 Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	 <u>\$ 168,194.50</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 168,194.50</u>

Notes to Forms MS-965 With Adjustments are an integral part of this report.

BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA  
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 2007 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 2  
 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Balance, January 1, 2007	\$ 74,077.52	\$ -	\$ 74,077.52
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	115,247.08	-	115,247.08
2a. Turnback allocation	1,800.00	-	1,800.00
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	4,264.99	-	4,264.99
2c. Miscellaneous	-	-	-
3. Total receipts	<u>121,312.07</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>121,312.07</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>195,389.59</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>195,389.59</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>168,194.50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>168,194.50</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2007	<u><u>\$ 27,195.09</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 27,195.09</u></u>

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BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA  
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 2007 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 3  
 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Equipment Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments (Note 4)</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Prior year equipment balance	\$ 41,305.31	\$ (2,334.93)	\$ 38,970.38
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	23,409.42	-	23,409.42
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	64,714.73	(2,334.93)	62,379.80
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	10,367.47	(3,898.75)	6,468.72
6. Remainder	<u>54,347.26</u>	<u>1,563.82</u>	<u>55,911.08</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 27,195.09</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 27,195.09</u>

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 2008 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 1  
 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments (Note 4)</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
Major equipment purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Minor equipment purchases	-	-	-
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	54,687.11	-	54,687.11
Traffic control devices	1,252.56	(133.16)	1,119.40
Street lighting	3,522.64	-	3,522.64
Storm sewers and drains	-	-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	26,074.97	-	26,074.97
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	65,893.49	-	65,893.49
Miscellaneous (Note 5)	-	133.16	133.16
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Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	<u>\$ 151,430.77</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 151,430.77</u>

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<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Balance, January 1, 2008	\$ 27,195.09	\$ -	\$ 27,195.09
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	127,307.08	-	127,307.08
2a. Turnback allocation	1,800.00	-	1,800.00
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	1,385.87	-	1,385.87
2c. Miscellaneous	-	-	-
3. Total receipts	<u>130,492.95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,492.95</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>157,688.04</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,688.04</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>151,430.77</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>151,430.77</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2008	<u><u>\$ 6,257.27</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,257.27</u></u>

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 2008 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 3  
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<u>Equipment Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Prior year equipment balance	\$ 27,195.09	\$ -	\$ 27,195.09
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	25,821.42	-	25,821.42
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	53,016.51	-	53,016.51
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
6. Remainder	<u>53,016.51</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,016.51</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 6,257.27</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,257.27</u>

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1. Criteria

Section 1

This section of Form MS-965 With Adjustments provides a summary of Liquid Fuels Tax Fund expenditures by category. Categories requiring explanation include:

- Major equipment purchases are purchases of road machinery and road equipment that cost in excess of \$4,000.00.
- Minor equipment purchases are purchases of road machinery and road equipment that cost \$4,000.00 or less.
- Agility projects are exchanges of services with the Department of Transportation.

Section 2

This section of Form MS-965 With Adjustments provides information on the fund balance. Categories requiring explanation include:

- The state allocation is generally received from the Department of Transportation during the first week in April of each year. The amount the municipality receives is based half on its population and half on its road mileage.
- The turnback allocation is generally received from the Department of Transportation during the first week in April of each year. A municipality receives a yearly turnback allocation based on road mileage for all roads that were transferred to the municipality from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Highway Transfer Program.
- Expenditures include the total transferred from Section 1.

Section 3

This section of Form MS-965 With Adjustments determines if the municipality expended Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money in excess of the permissible amount for equipment and the balance that the municipality may carry forward for the purchase of equipment to the subsequent year.



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1. Criteria (Continued)

Section 3 (Continued)

Department of Transportation *Publication 9* requires that the amount expended for equipment purchases in a given year not exceed the sum of the equipment balance carried forward from the previous year and 20 percent of the current year's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund allocation and, if applicable, 20 percent of the turnback allocation plus other Department of Transportation approved adjustments.

If the municipality spent in excess of the amount listed on Line 4, the excess must be reimbursed to the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

The equipment balance to be carried forward for the subsequent year is the lesser of the amount on Line 6 or the ending fund balance on Line 6 of Section 2, but not less than zero.

Basis Of Presentation

The financial activities of the municipality are accounted for in separate funds. The Liquid Fuels Tax Fund is used to account for state aid revenues from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation used primarily for building and improving local roads and bridges. The Forms MS-965 have been prepared in accordance with reporting requirements prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as a result of the Fuels Tax Act 655, dated 1956 and as amended, which does not constitute a complete presentation of the entity's assets, liabilities, expenses, and fund balance. Accordingly, the presentation of Forms MS-965 With Adjustments is restricted to the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, which represents a segment of the entity.

Basis Of Accounting

The accompanying Forms MS-965 With Adjustments are prepared in accordance with reporting requirements prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Under this method, revenues are recognized when received and expenditures are recorded when paid.

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1. Criteria (Continued)

General Fixed Assets

General fixed assets are recognized as expenditures at the time of purchase. No depreciation has been provided on the heavy equipment used to maintain and repair roads and bridges.

2. Deposits

*The Borough Code*, Title 53 P.S § 46316, authorizes the borough to deposit its funds in the following:

- Deposits in savings accounts or time deposits, other than certificates of deposit or share accounts of institutions having their principal place of business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or other like insurance. For any amount above the insured maximum, the depository shall pledge approved collateral.
- Certificates of deposit purchased from institutions insured by the FDIC or other like insurance to the extent that such accounts are so insured. For any amounts in excess of the insured maximum, such deposits shall be collateralized by a pledge or assignment of assets. Certificates of deposit may not exceed 20 percent of a bank's total capital surplus or 20 percent of a savings and loan's or savings bank's assets minus liabilities.

Deposits consist of receipts and deposits in a financial institution. Pennsylvania statutes require all deposits to be insured and, for any amount above the insured maximum, to be secured with approved collateral as defined.

There were no deposits exposed to custodial credit risk as of December 31, 2008. Custodial credit risk, as defined by GASB No. 40, includes deposits that are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are uncollateralized, collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the municipality's name.

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2. Deposits (Continued)

Fund Balance

The fund balance as of December 31, 2008 consists of the following:

Cash	<u>\$6,257.27</u>
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3. Interest On Investments

Our examination disclosed that the municipality deposited idle liquid fuels tax money in an interest-bearing account which earned \$4,264.99 during 2007, and \$1,385.87 during 2008, thus providing additional funds for road maintenance and repairs.

4. Adjustments

2007 - Section 1

Adjustments were made to “Major equipment purchases” and “Minor equipment purchases” because expenditures of \$3,898.75 were misclassified.

Adjustments were made to “Winter maintenance services,” “Traffic control devices,” and “Miscellaneous” because expenditures of \$1,895.51 were misclassified.

2007 - Section 3

An adjustment of \$(2,334.93) was made to “Prior year equipment balance” because of a prior report adjustment that was not carried forward in the equipment balance.

An adjustment of \$(3,898.75) was made to “Major equipment expenditures” to reflect the adjustment made to major equipment purchases in 2007 – Section 1.

2008 - Section 1

Adjustments were made to “Traffic control devices” and “Miscellaneous” because expenditures of \$133.16 were misclassified.

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5. Miscellaneous Expenditures

The following miscellaneous expenditures were paid from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund during the examination period:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Resident	Payment of falsified bills (Finding No. 1)	\$1,533.03	\$ -
Phone company	Phone bills (Finding No. 2)	362.48	133.16
Totals		<u>\$1,895.51</u>	<u>\$133.16</u>

6. Bank Loan

On November 25, 2002, the municipality borrowed \$45,000.00 from First National Bank to purchase a new Case tractor/loader/spreader. The term of the loan was for five years at an interest rate of 4.45 percent. Principal and interest payments of \$839.19 were due monthly. Prior years' principal and interest payments from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund were \$15,662.80 and \$1,960.19, respectively. Additionally, the municipality paid principal of \$20,351.32 and interest of \$3,196.35 from the General Fund.

During the current examination period the municipality paid principal of \$2,459.90, interest of \$34.34, and late fees of \$82.52 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. These amounts are reflected in major equipment purchases on the 2007 Form MS-965 – Section 1. Additionally, the municipality paid principal of \$6,525.98 from the General Fund. The loan was paid-in-full on March 2, 2007.

7. Bank Loan

On February 5, 2003, the municipality borrowed \$45,000.00 from First National Bank to purchase a 2003 truck. The term of the loan was for five years at an interest rate of 4.45 percent. Principal and interest payments of \$839.12 were due monthly. Prior years' principal and interest payments from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund were \$28,503.74 and \$4,221.94, respectively. Additionally, the municipality paid principal of \$5,122.51 and interest of \$754.72 from the General Fund.

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7. Bank Loan (Continued)

During the current examination period the municipality paid principal of \$3,843.36, interest of \$18.56, and late fees of \$30.04 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. These amounts are reflected in major equipment purchases on the 2007 Form MS-965 – Section 1. Additionally, the municipality paid principal of \$7,530.39 and interest of \$52.11 from the General Fund. The loan was paid-in-full on March 2, 2007.

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Finding No. 1 - Payment Of Falsified Bills

Our examination disclosed that during 2007 the municipality paid \$1,533.03 from its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund to the father-in-law of the former street commissioner for road millings. However, the road millings were never received by the municipality. The municipal officials indicated that the payments were made based on fictitious invoices that were submitted for payment. These expenditures were as follows:

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Invoice No.</u>	<u>Invoices Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1357	04/26/07	70725	03/27/07	\$ 758.16
1358	05/10/07	70015	05/10/07	<u>774.87</u>
Total				<u>\$1,533.03</u>

Good internal controls should be established to ensure that the municipality, prior to payment, review all bills for accuracy and propriety by determining, at least, that the amount and type of product ordered was received and that the vendor is legitimate. The municipality should have a second person verify the receipt of a product or results of a service. Additionally, all new vendors should be cross checked for validity. The failure to establish and execute adequate internal controls increases the risk that errors or misappropriations may occur and remain undetected.

On July 15, 2011, the former street commissioner pleaded no contest to three felony theft counts and one forgery misdemeanor in a plea agreement that resulted in a sentence of 26 years probation and requires the commissioner to repay a total of \$139,426.00 to two water authorities and the borough.

Recommendations

We recommend that the municipality take corrective action by implementing internal controls to prevent expenditures from being paid subject to authorization by one person of the valid receipt of that item or service. The municipality should establish a segregation of duties to ensure that the item or service has been received or performed. All unfamiliar vendors should be checked for propriety.

We further recommend that the municipality reimburse \$1,533.03 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund upon official notification by the Department of Transportation.

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Finding No. 1 - Payment Of Falsified Bills (Continued)

Management's Response

The borough manager/secretary/treasurer stated:

The Borough of Northern Cambria is looking into steps to ensure that similar alleged criminal activity will not take place. We will be looking further into the vendors we use.

Auditor's Conclusion

During our next examination we will determine if the municipality complied with our recommendations.

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Finding No. 2 - Nonpermissible Expenditures

Our examination disclosed that the municipality expended \$362.48 during 2007 and \$133.16 during 2008 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for phone service at the highway shed, which is a nonpermissible expenditure.

The Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law, 72 P.S. § 2615.4, provides, in part, that monies herein allocated may be used only for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repairs of such public roads or streets, including bridges, culverts and drainage structures, for which they are legally responsible. Also permitted are expenditures involving acquisition, maintenance, repairs and operation of street signs, traffic signs, traffic signal control systems, road equipment, and snow fences.

The Department of Transportation has been statutorily authorized to promulgate regulations concerning the administration of Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money and has determined that certain items, including payments for phone service, are outside the scope of permissible expenditures.

The failure to follow the Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law and the Department of Transportation's Regulations as noted above could result in the municipality having to reimburse \$495.64 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

Recommendations

We recommend that the municipality reimburse \$495.64 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund upon official notification by the Department of Transportation.

We further recommend that, in the future, the municipality comply with the Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law and the Department of Transportation's Regulations regarding permissible expenditures.

Management's Response

The municipal officials stated:

The Borough of Northern Cambria is no longer issuing payment for nonpermissible expenditures, i.e. phone bills.



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Finding No. 2 - Nonpermissible Expenditures (Continued)

Auditor's Conclusion

During our next examination we will determine if the municipality complied with our recommendations.

BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA  
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Comment – Summary Of Prior Examination Recommendation

In our prior report we recommended that the municipality ensure that its Forms MS-965 are complete and accurate.

During our current examination, we noted that the municipality complied with our recommendation.

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SUMMARY OF EXIT CONFERENCE  
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An exit conference was held April 23, 2010. Those participating were:

BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA

Ms. Claudine M. Nagle, Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Mr. John Cornely, Auditor

The results of the examination were presented and discussed in their entirety.

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