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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-991 With Adjustments for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund and the Reports of Act 44 Tax Fund With Adjustments of Greene County for the period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011. The county's management is responsible for the Forms MS-991 and the Reports of Act 44 Tax Fund. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Forms MS-991 With Adjustments and the Reports of Act 44 Tax Fund 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 Greene County's Forms MS-991 and Reports of Act 44 Tax Fund for the period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011 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 county'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-991 With Adjustments and the Reports of Act 44 Tax Fund With Adjustments are made by the Department of the Auditor General.

<u>Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)</u>

In our opinion, the Forms MS-991 With Adjustments and the Reports of Act 44 Tax Fund With Adjustments present, in all material respects, the information required by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund and Act 44 Tax Fund of Greene County for the period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011, 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-991 and the Reports of Act 44 Tax Fund 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-991 and the Reports of Act 44 Tax Fund 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-991 and the Reports of Act 44 Tax Fund 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 Greene 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 Greene County's Forms MS-991 and the Reports of Act 44 Tax Fund that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by Greene 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-991 and the Reports of Act 44 Tax Fund:

• Internal Control Over The Preparation Of Form MS-991 Should Be Improved.

<u>Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)</u>

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-991 and the Reports of Act 44 Tax Fund will not be prevented or detected by Greene County's internal control. Our consideration of the internal control over reporting on the Forms MS-991 and the Reports of Act 44 Tax Fund 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.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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

November 28, 2012

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Auditor General

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GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND AND ACT 44 TAX FUND BACKGROUND FOR THE PERIOD JANAURY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

Background

The Vehicle Code makes provisions and provides funding for County Liquid Fuels and Act 44 Programs. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has regulatory administration and oversight of the funds supporting these county programs. Counties are required to comply with those provisions and to report annually.

The Vehicle Code imposes a state tax on liquid fuels and fuels used or sold and delivered by distributors within the Commonwealth (75 Pa. C.S. § 9004(a)). One-half cent of the tax collected on each gallon of liquid fuels is deposited in the Commonwealth's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. The Vehicle Code further provides for the disposition and use of this tax, including the allocations to counties in June and December of each year to fund construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of county roads, streets and bridges. The allocation to the respective counties is made in the ratio that the average amount returned to each county during the three preceding years bears to the average amount returned to all counties during the three preceding years (75 Pa C.S. § 9010).

The Vehicle Code, as recently amended by Act 44 of 2007 (July 18, 2007, P.L.169), requires the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to make annual contributions for the benefit of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Motor License Fund, and further requires the Department of Transportation to distribute \$5,000,000 of the annual contribution to counties (75 Pa. C.S. § 8915.6). The annual distribution to counties is determined based upon the ratio of square footage of deck area of a county's county-owned bridges to the total square footage of deck area of county-owned bridges throughout the Commonwealth. The reporting of the square footage of deck area of a county's county-owned bridges is required as part of the National Bridge Inspection Standards Program.

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND 2010 FORM MS-991 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	Reported	A	djustments (Note 4)	Adjusted Amount
Balance, January 1, 2010	\$ 88,873.92	\$	(630.79)	\$ 88,243.13
Receipts:				
State allocations	119,929.36		-	119,929.36
Interest (Note 3)	58.98		(7.93)	51.05
Reimbursable agreements (Note 5)	107,585.94		-	107,585.94
Miscellaneous (Note 6)	79,486.53		-	79,486.53
Accounts receivable	102,058.03			102,058.03
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Total receipts	409,118.84		(7.93)	409,110.91
Total funds available	497,992.76		(638.72)	 497,354.04
Expenditures:				
Construction	145,375.35		(37,026.89)	108,348.46
Maintenance and repair	114,285.43		37,026.89	151,312.32
Administrative	-		-	-
Grants to political				
subdivisions	-		-	-
Accounts payable	159,056.08		(78,249.53)	80,806.55
Miscellaneous (Note 7)	_		108.79	108.79
Total expenditures	418,716.86		(78,140.74)	 340,576.12
Balance, December 31, 2010	79,275.90		77,502.02	156,777.92
Unpaid encumbrances			<u>-</u> _	
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Unencumbered balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 79,275.90	\$	77,502.02	\$ 156,777.92

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND 2011 FORM MS-991 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	D 4 1	Adjustments		Adjusted	
	Reported		(Note 4)		Amount
Balance, January 1, 2011	\$ 79,324.80	\$	77,453.12	\$	156,777.92
Receipts:					
State allocations	120,134.02		-		120,134.02
Interest (Note 3)	31.11		(3.89)		27.22
Reimbursable agreements (Note 5)	114,947.23		-		114,947.23
Miscellaneous (Note 6)	11,535.00		-		11,535.00
Accounts receivable	20,951.91		_		20,951.91
Total receipts	267,599.27		(3.89)		267,595.38
Total funds available	346,924.07		77,449.23		424,373.30
Expenditures:					
Construction	196,380.49		(31,624.89)		164,755.60
Maintenance and repair	78,070.16		31,624.89		109,695.05
Administrative	12,013.40		-		12,013.40
Grants to political	,				,
subdivisions	-		4,000.00		4,000.00
Accounts payable	20,881.40		, -		20,881.40
Miscellaneous (Note 7)	4,000.00		74,249.53		78,249.53
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Total expenditures	311,345.45		78,249.53		389,594.98
Balance, December 31, 2011	35,578.62		(800.30)		34,778.32
Unpaid encumbrances					
Unencumbered balance,					
December 31, 2011	\$ 35,578.62	\$	(800.30)	\$	34,778.32

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND 2010 REPORT OF ACT 44 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	Reported		djustments (Note 4)	Adjusted Amount
Balance, January 1, 2010	\$ 120,924.24	\$	-	\$ 120,924.24
Receipts:				
Act 44 Funds	120,733.71		-	120,733.71
Interest (Note 3)	1,958.38		-	1,958.38
Reimburseable Agreement Receipts	-		-	-
Miscellaneous Receipts	-		-	-
Accounts receivable	-		-	-
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Total receipts	122,692.09			122,692.09
Total funda available	242 616 22			242 616 22
Total funds available	243,616.33		-	 243,616.33
Expenditures:				
Construction	-		_	-
Maintenance and repair	78,249.53		(78,249.53)	-
Accounts payable	_		_	-
Miscellaneous (Note 7)			78,249.53	78,249.53
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Total expenditures	78,249.53			 78,249.53
Balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 165,366.80	\$	_	\$ 165,366.80

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND 2011 REPORT OF ACT 44 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	Reported	Adju	istments	Adjusted Amount
Balance, January 1, 2011	\$ 165,366.80	\$	-	\$ 165,366.80
Receipts:				
Act 44 Funds	62,009.96		-	62,009.96
Interest (Note 3)	1,028.43		-	1,028.43
Reimburseable Agreement Receipts	-		-	-
Miscellaneous Receipts (Note 6)	78,249.53		-	78,249.53
Accounts receivable				
Total receipts	141,287.92			 141,287.92
Total funds available	306,654.72			 306,654.72
Expenditures:				
Construction	_		_	_
Maintenance and repair	_		_	_
Accounts payable	-		-	-
Miscellaneous			_	
Total expenditures	-			-
Balance, December 31, 2011	\$ 306,654.72	\$	-	\$ 306,654.72

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND AND ACT 44 TAX FUND NOTES TO FORMS MS-991 AND REPORTS OF ACT 44 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JANAURY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

1. Criteria

- A. *The Vehicle Code* prescribes criteria for liquid fuels program funds (75 Pa C.S. § 9010). The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* provides more specific policies and procedures to counties for the administration and reporting of the liquid fuels program funds. In the event of any discrepancies between the two, the legislation governs.
 - (1) Funds received by the counties must be deposited in a special fund designated as the County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund and no other money may be deposited and commingled. Money should be invested to earn interest until expended.
 - For purposes of payments under (2), below, the county may borrow and place in the special fund money not in excess of the liquid fuels tax funds to be received during the current calendar year.
 - (2) Payments from the special fund may be used for:
 - construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of roads, highways, bridges and curb ramps from a road or highway to provide for access by individuals with disabilities consistent with Federal and State law;
 - property damages and compensation of viewers for services in eminent domain proceedings involving roads, highways, and bridges;
 - construction, reconstruction, operation and maintenance of publicly owned ferryboat operations;
 - interest and principal payments on road, bridge, or publicly owned ferryboat operation bonds or sinking fund charges;
 - acquisition, maintenance, repair and operation of traffic signs and signals;
 - erection and maintenance of stop and go signal lights, blinkers and other like traffic control devices;

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND AND ACT 44 TAX FUND NOTES TO FORMS MS-991 AND REPORTS OF ACT 44 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JANAURY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

1. <u>Criteria (Continued)</u>

- indirect costs, including benefit costs, overhead and other administrative charges for those county employees directly engaged in eligible projects, not to exceed 10 percent of the yearly allocation to the county; and
- individual vehicle liability insurance for equipment purchased under the fund, not to exceed 10 percent of the yearly allocation to the county.
- (3) Counties may not make expenditures from the special fund for new construction on roads, bridges, curb ramps, or publicly owned ferryboat operations without the approval of the plans for construction by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. And, counties may not allocate money from the special fund to political subdivisions within the county until the application and the contracts or plans for the proposed expenditures have been made on a form prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
- (4) Counties may encumber current funds for future road and bridge construction, reconstruction, and maintenance projects including viable municipal projects. Counties must redistribute any unencumbered balance in the special fund to political subdivisions if the unencumbered balance is more than the county's receipts during the preceding twelve month period.
- (5) Counties must submit a report to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation by January 15 for the period ending December 31 on prescribed Form MS-991, The Report of County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, showing the receipts and expenditures of the money received by the county from the Commonwealth. Upon failure to file the report or instances of any non-compliant payments, allocations, or expenditures, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will withhold further funding until the delinquent report is filed, the money is allocated, or the expenditures for the prior 12 months are approved.
- B. *The Vehicle Code*, as recently amended by Act 44 of 2007 (July 18, 2007, P.L. 169), prescribes the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation with oversight authority of the Act 44 funds distributed to the counties from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's annual contribution of \$5,000,000 to the Commonwealth's Motor License Fund. The County's Act 44 Tax Fund is used to account for the distribution made to the county from the Department of Transportation and the payments made for construction and maintenance of county-owned bridges.

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND AND ACT 44 TAX FUND NOTES TO FORMS MS-991 AND REPORTS OF ACT 44 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE PERIOD

JANAURY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

1. Criteria (Continued)

Basis Of Presentation

In accordance with reporting requirements prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Report of County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund With Adjustments and the Report of Act 44 Tax Fund With Adjustments do not constitute complete financial presentations of the county's assets, liabilities, expenses, and fund balance but include the receipts, expenditures, and fund balances of the County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund and the County Act 44 Tax Fund, respectively.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation prescribes that the county report the following on the MS-991 form, *Report of County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund*:

- A. The balance in the County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund at the beginning of the report calendar year.
- B. Receipts which must be itemized and include interest, reimbursable agreements, and miscellaneous items such as loans, sale of salvageable material, and damage claims to road or bridge property.

Refer to the related Notes: Note 3, Interest Earnings; Note 5, Reimbursable Agreements; and Note 6, Miscellaneous Receipts.

- C. Accounts receivable (to be realized within 60 days of the year end).
- D. Total Liquid Fuels Tax funds available for expenditure and encumbrances.
- E. Expenditures for county-owned roads, highways, and bridges.

Refer to related Note: Note 7, Miscellaneous Expenditures.

- F. Accounts payable (accrued wages, accrued payroll taxes, and accounts payable vendors to be realized within 60 days of the year end).
- G. The balance in the fund at the close of the report calendar year.
- H. Encumbered and unencumbered balances on hand at the close of the report calendar year.

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND AND ACT 44 TAX FUND NOTES TO FORMS MS-991 AND REPORTS OF ACT 44 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE PERIOD

JANAURY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

2. <u>Deposits</u>

The County Code, Title 16 P.S § 17067, authorizes the county 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 from institutions having their principal place of business in
 or outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that are insured by the FDIC or
 other like insurance. 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, 2011. 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 county's name.

Fund Balance

The fund balance for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund as of December 31, 2011 consists of the following:

Cash \$ 34,778.32

The fund balance for the Act 44 Tax Fund as of December 31, 2011 consists of the following:

Cash \$306,654.72

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND AND ACT 44 TAX FUND NOTES TO FORMS MS-991 AND REPORTS OF ACT 44 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD JANAURY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

3. <u>Interest Earnings</u>

Our examination disclosed that the county deposited idle liquid fuels tax money in an interest-bearing account which earned \$51.05 during 2010, and \$27.22 during 2011, thus providing additional funds for road maintenance and repairs.

Additionally, the county deposited idle Act 44 tax money in an interest-bearing account which earned \$1,958.38 during 2010, and \$1,028.43 during 2011, thus providing additional funds for road maintenance and repairs.

4. Adjustments

2010 Form MS-991

An adjustment of \$(630.79) was made to "Balance, January 1, 2010" because an incorrect fund balance was reported.

An adjustment of \$(7.93) was made to "Interest" because interest earned was overstated.

Adjustments were made to "Construction" and "Maintenance and repair" because expenditures of \$37,026.89 were misclassified.

An adjustment of \$(78,249.53) was made to "Accounts payable" because an expenditure relating to Check No. 3526 that was paid during 2011 was incorrectly reported as paid during 2010.

An adjustment of \$108.79 was made to "Miscellaneous" because bank service charges were not reported.

2011 Form MS-991

An adjustment of \$77,453.12 was made to "Balance, January 1, 2011" because an incorrect fund balance was carried forward.

An adjustment of \$(3.89) was made to "Interest" because interest earned was overstated.

Adjustments were made to "Construction" and "Maintenance and repair" because expenditures of \$31,624.89 were misclassified.

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND AND ACT 44 TAX FUND NOTES TO FORMS MS-991 AND REPORTS OF ACT 44 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JANAURY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

4. Adjustments (Continued)

2011 Form MS-991 (Continued)

An adjustment of \$4,000.00 was made to "Grants to political subdivision" because these expenditures were misclassified as miscellaneous.

An adjustment of \$74,249.53 was made to "Miscellaneous" because an expenditure of \$78,249.53 relating to Check No. 3526 that was paid during 2011 was incorrectly reported as paid during 2010, and grants to political subdivisions of \$4,000.00 were misclassified as miscellaneous.

2010 Report of Act 44 Tax Fund

Adjustments were made to "Maintenance and repair" and "Miscellaneous" because expenditures of \$78,249.53 were misclassified.

5. Reimbursable Agreements

During our examination, we noted that the county entered into reimbursement agreements with the Department of Transportation for reconstruction and bridge inspection of county bridges. During our current examination period, the county received and deposited \$107,585.94 during 2010 and \$114,947.23 during 2011 into its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund as a result of these agreements. As of December 31, 2011, \$11,130.10 is due the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

6. <u>Miscellaneous Receipts</u>

The following miscellaneous receipts were deposited into the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund during the examination period:

Source	<u>Description</u>	2010	2011
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Highway Grant	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00
Vendor	Sale of equipment	810.00	11,295.00
Vendor	Sale of scrap metal	187.00	-
Act 44 Tax Fund	Temporary Loans (Note 8)	78,249.53	
Total		<u>\$79,486.53</u>	<u>\$11,535.00</u>

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND AND ACT 44 TAX FUND NOTES TO FORMS MS-991 AND REPORTS OF ACT 44 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JANAURY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

6. <u>Miscellaneous Receipts (Continued)</u>

The following miscellaneous receipts were deposited into the Act 44 Tax Fund during the examination period:

Source	<u>Description</u>	2011
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	Repayment of temporary loans (Note 8)	<u>\$78,249.53</u>

7. <u>Miscellaneous Expenditures</u>

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

Payee	<u>Description</u>	2010	2011
Financial institution Act 44 Tax Fund	Bank service charges Repayment of temporary loans (Note 8)	\$108.79 	\$ - <u>78,249.53</u>
Total		<u>\$108.79</u>	<u>\$78,249.53</u>

The following miscellaneous expenditures were paid from the Act 44 Tax Fund during the examination period:

<u>Payee</u>	Description	2010
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	Temporary loans (Note 8)	\$78,249.53

8. Temporary Loans

On various dates in 2010, the county loaned \$78,249.53 from its Act 44 Tax Fund to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. On October 17, 2011, the county transferred \$78,249.53 from its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund to its Act 44 Tax Fund to repay the temporary loan.

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND AND ACT 44 TAX FUND FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PERIOD JANAURY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

Finding - Internal Control Over The Preparation Of Form MS-991 Should Be Improved

Our examination disclosed that there were numerous errors made in the preparation of the county's 2010 and 2011 Forms MS-991. These adjustments, which are disclosed in Note 4, are as follows:

2010 Form MS-991

- An adjustment of \$(630.79) was made to "Balance, January 1, 2010" because an incorrect fund balance was reported.
- An adjustment of \$(7.93) was made to "Interest" because interest earned was overstated.
- Adjustments were made to "Construction" and "Maintenance and repair" because expenditures of \$37,026.89 were misclassified.
- An adjustment of \$(78,249.53) was made to "Accounts payable" because an expenditure relating to Check No. 3526 that was paid during 2011 was incorrectly reported as paid during 2010.
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2011 Form MS-991

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- An adjustment of \$(3.89) was made to "Interest" because interest earned was overstated.
- Adjustments were made to "Construction" and "Maintenance and repair" because expenditures of \$31,624.89 were misclassified.
- An adjustment of \$4,000.00 was made to "Grants to political subdivision" because these expenditures were misclassified as miscellaneous.

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

<u>Finding - Internal Control Over The Preparation Of Form MS-991 Should Be Improved</u> (Continued)

2011 Form MS-991 (Continued)

• An adjustment of \$74,249.53 was made to "Miscellaneous" because an expenditure of \$78,249.53 relating to Check No. 3526 that was paid during 2011 was incorrectly reported as paid during 2010, and grants to political subdivisions of \$4,000.00 were misclassified as miscellaneous.

Good internal controls ensure that the county completes its Form MS-991 accurately and completely. The failure to properly complete Form MS-991 increases the risk that errors or misappropriations may occur and remain undetected.

Recommendation

We recommend that the county ensure that its Form MS-991 is complete and accurate.

Management's Response

The County Auditor stated:

We are aware of the findings that were discussed at the exit interview on November 28, 2012. We have taken steps to correct these errors so that they do not occur in the future.

Auditor's Conclusion

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

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND AND ACT 44 TAX FUND SUMMARY OF EXIT CONFERENCE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

An exit conference was held November 28, 2012. Those participating were:

GREENE COUNTY

The Honorable David C. Balint, CPA, Controller Mrs Katie L. Daugherty, Auditor

DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Mr. Brian Delaney, Auditor

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

GREENE COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND AND ACT 44 TAX FUND REPORT DISTRIBUTION FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

This report was initially distributed to:

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

Greene County 93 East High Street Waynesburg, PA 15370

The Honorable Archie Trader County Commissioner

The Honorable David C. Balint, CPA Controller

The Honorable Cory L. Grandel Treasurer

Mr. Jeffrey Marshall Chief Clerk

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