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## **BACKGROUND**

On December 18, 1984, the Pennsylvania Legislature adopted the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (P.L. 1005, No. 205, as amended, 53 P.S. § 895.101 et seq.). The act established mandatory actuarial reporting and funding requirements and a uniform basis for the distribution of state aid to Pennsylvania's public pension plans. Section 402(j) of Act 205 specifically requires the Auditor General, as deemed necessary, to make an audit of every municipality which receives general municipal pension system State aid and of every municipal pension plan and fund in which general municipal pension system State aid is deposited.

Pension plan aid is provided from a 2 percent foreign casualty insurance premium tax, a portion of the foreign fire insurance tax designated for paid firefighters and any investment income earned on the collection of these taxes. Generally, municipal pension plans established prior to December 18, 1984, are eligible for state aid. For municipal pension plans established after that date, the sponsoring municipality must fund the plan for three plan years before it becomes eligible for state aid. In accordance with Act 205, a municipality's annual state aid allocation cannot exceed its actual pension costs.

In addition to Act 205, the Twin Rivers Council of Governments Nonuniformed Pension Plan is also governed by implementing regulations adopted by the Public Employee Retirement Commission published at Title 16, Part IV of the Pennsylvania Code and applicable provisions of various other state statutes.

The Twin Rivers Council of Governments Nonuniformed Pension Plan is a single-employer defined contribution pension plan locally controlled by the provisions of Resolution No. 1/87R, as amended. Active members are required to contribute 2 percent of base pay to the plan. The municipality is required to contribute 7.5 percent of each member's base pay.





Twin Rivers Council of Governments  
Allegheny County  
McKeesport, PA 15132

We have conducted a compliance audit of the Twin Rivers Council of Governments Nonuniformed Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2008. The audit was conducted pursuant to authority derived from Section 402(j) of Act 205 and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* applicable to performance audits issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our conclusions based on our audit objectives.

The objectives of the audit were:

1. To determine if municipal officials took appropriate corrective action to address the findings contained in our prior audit report; and
2. To determine if the pension plan was administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies.

Our audit was limited to the areas related to the objectives identified above.

Council officials are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that the Twin Rivers Council of Governments Nonuniformed Pension Plan is administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies. In conducting our audit, we obtained an understanding of the council's internal controls as they relate to the council's compliance with those requirements and that we considered to be significant within the context of our audit objectives, and assessed whether those significant controls were properly designed and implemented. Additionally, we tested transactions, assessed official actions, performed analytical procedures and interviewed selected officials to the extent necessary to satisfy the audit objectives.

The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, the Twin Rivers Council of Governments Nonuniformed Pension Plan was administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies.

The accompanying supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis. We did not audit the information and, accordingly, express no form of assurance on it.

The contents of this report were discussed with officials of the Twin Rivers Council of Governments and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in the report.

July 15, 2009

JACK WAGNER  
Auditor General

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STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS

Compliance With Prior Audit Recommendations

The Twin Rivers Council of Governments has complied with the prior audit recommendations concerning the following:

- Receipt Of State Aid In Excess Of Entitlement

Plan officials reimbursed \$678 to the Commonwealth for the excess state aid received in 2005;

- Failure To Fully Fund Members' Accounts

Plan officials properly allocated \$1,598 that was due to the plan members' accounts for the year 2005; and

- Improper Terminated Vested Benefit

The pension plan was reimbursed \$2,820 for the overpayment made to a retiree.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
(UNAUDITED)

SCHEDULE OF STATE AID  
AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Year Ended December 31	State Aid Deposited	Employer Contributions
2003	\$ 11,616	\$ 1,345
2004	11,479	1,332
2005	8,324	None
2006	7,484	None
2007	8,687	None
2008	8,142	None

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REPORT DISTRIBUTION LIST

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