

DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
STATE OF LOUISIANA



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Independent Auditor's Report  
on the Financial Statements

**DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS,**  
**OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
New Orleans, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health - Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of management of the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund program. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 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 financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in note 1, the accompanying financial statements present only the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, or the Office of Public Health and its changes in financial position, including cash flows, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health - Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund as of June 30, 2005, and its changes in financial position, including cash flows, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND

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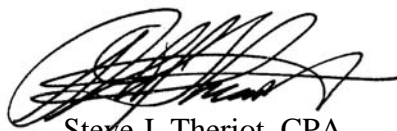
During August and September of 2005, the State of Louisiana suffered considerable damage from two major hurricanes, Katrina and Rita, resulting in the President of the United States declaring Louisiana a major disaster area. Because of the severity of these two separate events and the resulting losses sustained, it is unknown exactly what economic impact recovery will have on state and local governmental operations in Louisiana. While there was no significant impact on the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund, the long-term effects of these events directly on the fund cannot be determined at this time.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated June 29, 2006, on our consideration of the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts, 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 read in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

In addition, we have issued a report dated June 29, 2006, on our consideration of the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund's internal control over compliance with certain laws and regulations, and our tests of its compliance with those laws and regulations, in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Agency Audit Guide for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs*.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health - Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund's financial statements. The accompanying supplemental information listed in the table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve J. Theriot, CPA  
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS,  
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STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PROPRIETARY FUND - ENTERPRISE FUND**

**Statement of Net Assets, June 30, 2005**

**ASSETS**

Current assets:

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Cash in state treasury (note 2)        | \$7,816,171       |
| Receivables - due from others (note 3) | 2,637,498         |
| Total current assets                   | <u>10,453,669</u> |

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Noncurrent assets - loans receivable (note 4) | 46,277,278        |
| Total assets                                  | <u>56,730,947</u> |

**LIABILITIES**

Current liabilities:

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Accounts payable and accruals (note 7) | 91,253         |
| Bonds payable (note 8)                 | 500,000        |
| Total current liabilities              | <u>591,253</u> |

**NET ASSETS**

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Unrestricted | <u>56,139,694</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b> | <u><u>\$56,139,694</u></u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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PROPRIETARY FUND - ENTERPRISE FUND**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and  
Changes in Fund Net Assets  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005**

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>                                 |                            |
| Federal funds - set-aside programs                        | \$1,047,335                |
| Interest earned on loans receivable                       | 1,520,333                  |
| Interest earned on cash in state treasury                 | 141,938                    |
| Administrative fees                                       | 220,354                    |
| Total operating revenues                                  | <u>2,929,960</u>           |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>                                 |                            |
| Set-aside expenses (note 5)                               | 1,047,335                  |
| Depreciation expense                                      | 866                        |
| Bond issuance costs (note 8)                              | 14,281                     |
| Interest expense  | 444                        |
| Total operating expenses                                  | <u>1,062,926</u>           |
| <b>OPERATING INCOME</b>                                   | 1,867,034                  |
| Capital contributions                                     | <u>6,593,524</u>           |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>                               | 8,460,558                  |
| <b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR, restated (note 10)</b> | <u>47,679,136</u>          |
| <b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>                           | <u><u>\$56,139,694</u></u> |

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PROPRIETARY FUND - ENTERPRISE FUND**

**Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005**

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Cash received from interest on loans                  | \$1,445,202        |
| Cash received from interest on cash in state treasury | 128,943            |
| Cash received from administrative fees                | 209,442            |
| Cash received from repayment of loan principal        | 2,009,553          |
| Cash received from allocations for set-aside programs | 1,073,261          |
| Cash payments for set-aside programs                  | (1,073,261)        |
| Cash payments to borrowers                            | (7,773,938)        |
| Net cash used by operating activities                 | <u>(3,980,798)</u> |

**CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Contributed capital - Environmental Protection Agency | 6,593,524        |
| Proceeds from issuance of bonds                       | 1,985,720        |
| Principal paid on bonds                               | (1,500,000)      |
| Bond interest expense                                 | (444)            |
| Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities  | <u>7,078,800</u> |

Net increase in cash 3,098,002

Cash at beginning of the year 4,718,169

Cash at end of the year \$7,816,171

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH  
USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Operating income  | \$1,867,034 |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash used by operating activities: |             |
| Bond issue costs  | 14,726      |
| Depreciation expense  | 866         |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:  |             |
| (Increase) in accounts receivable   | (73,113)    |
| (Increase) in loans receivable  | (5,764,385) |
| (Decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses                                 | (25,926)    |

**NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES** (\$3,980,798)

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## INTRODUCTION

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health (DHH-OPH) is a department of the State of Louisiana. DHH-OPH was created in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes (R.S.) 36:251(c) and 258(b) as a part of the executive branch of government. DHH-OPH is charged with protection of the public health of residents of the State of Louisiana.

The Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (DWRLF) program was established pursuant to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 (SDWA). The DWRLF program provides financial assistance to both publicly and privately owned community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems for projects eligible under the SDWA. The DWRLF program presently operates under R.S. 40:2821-2826. These statutes establish a DWRLF program capitalized by federal grants (Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, CFDA 66.468), by state funds when required or available, and by any other funds generated by the operation of the program. The DWRLF program provides assistance through loans for infrastructure projects and other assistance in the form of set-aside activities for program administration, technical assistance, state program management, local assistance, and other state programs. All efforts are directed toward improving drinking water quality by assisting systems in providing drinking water that meets established standards and that achieves the goals of the SDWA.

The DHH-OPH is responsible for the operations and administration of the DWRLF program. DHH-OPH is authorized to apply for and accept capitalization grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to establish assistance priorities, to perform oversight and other related activities, and to provide financial administration of the set-aside and loan accounts for the DWRLF program. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, through a memorandum of understanding, provides DHH-OPH with the environmental reviews of the projects for the DWRLF program.

The DWRLF does not have any full-time employees. However, time spent on the DWRLF program by employees of DHH-OPH is captured and the DWRLF subsequently reimburses DHH-OPH for salaries and benefits as well as other operating expenses of the fund.

## 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the full accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting principles and reporting standards. These principles are found in the *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, published by the GASB. Management of the fund applies all GASB pronouncements as well as Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB

pronouncements. Management has elected to follow GASB statements issued after November 30, 1989, rather than the FASB statements.

### **B. REPORTING ENTITY**

GASB Codification Section 2100 establishes criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and has defined the governmental reporting entity to be the State of Louisiana. The accompanying financial statements represent activity of a fund of the State of Louisiana that is administered by DHH-OPH, a department within state government. The DWRLF is part of the primary government of the State of Louisiana.

Annually, the State of Louisiana issues a comprehensive annual financial report, which includes the activity contained in the accompanying financial statements. Those basic financial statements are audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

### **C. FUND ACCOUNTING**

For the purposes of this report, the DWRLF uses a single proprietary (enterprise) fund. Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are (a) financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

### **D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The transactions of the DWRLF are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operations are included on the Statement of Net Assets.

The DWRLF uses the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period when they are earned and expenses are recognized when the related liability is incurred.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and/or producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the DWRLF are federal funds and interest earnings. Operating expenses include the set-aside expenses.

**E. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING**

The DWRLF is budgeted annually by the Louisiana Legislature. The set-aside activities are budgeted as part of the operations of DHH-OPH in the General Appropriations Act. The Ancillary Appropriations Act (Act 4 of the 2004 Regular Session as amended) authorized expenditures of \$34,000,000 for the loan program for fiscal year 2004-2005 and allows the fund to retain resources to fund future loans and eligible program activities. Because the fund is an enterprise fund, a budgetary comparison is neither required nor presented in the financial statements.

**F. LOANS RECEIVABLE**

The DWRLF is operated as a direct loan program. The program provides loans and other financial assistance to public water systems for the purpose of planning, constructing, and rehabilitating public water systems.

The program lends federal and state monies directly to public water systems. The federal share is 80% and requires a state matching share of 20%. Recycling of principal and interest repayments from borrowing water systems allows the program to operate in perpetuity, thereby benefiting other water systems wishing to borrow in the future. Borrowers pay principal and interest directly to the loan program and all monies are deposited directly to the program. Principal repayments can only be used to make additional loans to water systems. Interest earnings on investments and loans can also be used to make additional loans.

The loans made by the DWRLF must be made at or below market interest rate with a repayment period not exceeding 20 years plus an interim construction-financing period. The current loan rate is 3.45% for new water construction/water system rehabilitation projects. In addition, water systems are charged an administrative fee of 0.5% on outstanding loan balances payable semiannually.

As evidence of its obligations to pay principal and interest on the loans, each borrower must establish a dedicated source of revenue (or in the case of a privately owned system, demonstrate that there is adequate security) for repayment of the loan [42 USC 300j-12(f)(1)(C)]. For substantially all of these loans, the loan recipient issues bonds that are purchased by DHH to secure the repayment of the principal loaned. Principal and interest on the bonds are paid to the DWRLF and upon repayment of the loan, the bonds are returned to the loan recipient. Minimum required coverage ratios are established depending on the nature of the bonded indebtedness issued by the loan recipient as follows:

For limited tax bonds, the principal and interest due in any year on the amount borrowed shall not exceed 75% of the revenues estimated to be received from the levy of the pledged millage in the year in which the indebtedness is issued (R.S. 39:742.2).

For sales tax bonds, the total amount of principal and interest falling due in any year, together with principal and interest falling due in such year on any previously issued sales tax bonds, shall never exceed 75% of the amount of sales tax revenues estimated by the governing authority of the issue to be received by it in the calendar year in which the bonds are issued (R.S. 39:698.4).

For revenue bonds, the requirements for coverage are established contractually in the loan documents (R.S. 39:1019). Expected coverage ratios might range from 110% to 130% or more. The DWRLF goal for collections of the dedicated revenues for repayment of the loan secured by revenue bonds is 125%; however, many factors can create deviation from this goal. It is customary to use the same minimum required coverage ratio as was previously established for outstanding debt of the loan recipient.

For general obligation bonds, the requirements for coverage are statutorily set. The governing authority of the issuer is required to impose and collect annually, in excess of all other taxes, a tax on all property subject to taxation by the issuer sufficient in amount to pay the interest and the principal falling due each year, or such amount as may be required for any sinking fund necessary to retire said bonds at maturity (R.S. 39:569). Typically, the bond millage is adjusted each year so as to generate enough revenues to pay debt service in the ensuing calendar year. No coverage requirements or debt service reserves exist, because the tax can be adjusted each year *without any limitation whatsoever* to collect the appropriate amount each year.

In the case of sales tax bonds and revenue bonds, each loan recipient is also required to set up a debt service reserve fund equal to 10% of the loan amount or one year's principal and interest for the purpose of paying principal and interest should the dedicated revenues be insufficient for that purpose. The requirement to maintain a debt service reserve fund is not statutorily required but is usual and customary for these kinds of indebtedness.

Because of the reserve requirements and the absence of any delinquent loans, there is no provision for uncollectible amounts.

### **G. NET ASSETS**

Net assets comprise the various net earnings from operations, nonoperating revenues, and contributions of capital. Net assets generally are classified in the following components:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of all capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net assets consist of net assets subject to external constraints placed on net asset use by creditors, grantors, contributors or law or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of all other net assets that are not included in the other categories previously mentioned.

**H. CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

The funds drawn for loans from the EPA capitalization grants authorized by the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 are recorded as capital contributions.

**I. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Equipment is valued at historical cost and includes all items valued at or above \$5,000. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets of the fund is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation for financial reporting purposes is computed by the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset, generally 5 to 10 years.

**J. COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health provides employees to work on the DWRLF program. Therefore, no compensated absences, pension benefits, or postretirement benefits are provided or recorded by the fund.

**K. ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**2. CASH**

As reflected on Statement A, the DWRLF has cash totaling \$7,816,171 at June 30, 2005. All monies of the fund are deposited with the State Treasurer's Office. Cash balances are held and controlled by the state treasurer and are secured from risk by the state treasurer through separate custodial agreements, and the risk disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States are included within the State of Louisiana's financial statements.

**3. DUE FROM OTHERS**

As shown on Statement A, the DWRLF has a total due from others of \$2,637,498. This total is comprised of the following:

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|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| Due from the federal government - set-aside programs | \$91,253                  |
| Due from water systems                               | 2,527,756                 |
| Due from state treasury - interest                   | <u>18,489</u>             |
| Total due from others                                | <u><u>\$2,637,498</u></u> |

Of the \$2,527,756 due from water systems, \$2,089,500 is the current portion of the principal due; \$382,740 is loan interest; and \$55,516 is administrative fees on loans.

#### 4. LOANS RECEIVABLE

The DWRLF makes loans to community water systems both privately and publicly owned and nonprofit noncommunity water systems for projects that meet the eligibility requirements of the program. Loans are financed by capitalization grants, state match, and revolving funds. The effective interest rate on loans is 3.45% and must be repaid over 20 years starting two years after the closing date of the loan or one year after the project is completed, whichever occurs first. As of June 30, 2005, seven projects were completed and the remaining loan commitment balance (loans authorized less loans disbursed) totaled \$11,052,534.

Loans mature at various intervals through November 1, 2026. The scheduled principal payments on loans maturing in subsequent years are as follows:

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Year ending June 30:         |                            |
| 2006                         | \$2,089,500                |
| 2007                         | 2,447,300                  |
| 2008                         | 2,748,800                  |
| 2009                         | 2,830,274                  |
| 2010                         | 2,760,842                  |
| 2011-2015                    | 14,359,783                 |
| 2016-2020                    | 14,298,370                 |
| 2021-2025                    | 6,751,231                  |
| 2025-2026                    | <u>80,678</u>              |
| Total loans receivable       | <u><u>\$48,366,778</u></u> |
| Long-term receivable portion | <u><u>\$46,277,278</u></u> |

As of June 30, 2005, the DWRLF had made loans to 16 water systems as follows:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

| <u>Water System</u>                          | <u>Authorized<br/>Loan Amount</u> | <u>Loans<br/>Outstanding</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Town of Baldwin                              | \$1,249,627                       | \$1,108,000                  |
| Town of Church Point                         | 2,500,000                         | 2,120,000                    |
| Colyell Community Water Association          | 948,600                           | 880,400                      |
| Culbertson Water System                      | 598,226                           | 525,001                      |
| Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish | 9,000,000                         | 8,050,000                    |
| Waterworks District No. 1 of DeSoto Parish   | 2,350,000                         | 2,119,185                    |
| Town of Many                                 | 3,600,000                         | 2,150,307                    |
| City of Oakdale                              | 1,492,412                         | 1,402,412                    |
| Village of Quitman                           | 480,000                           | 427,410                      |
| City of Shreveport                           | 19,540,000                        | 16,292,555                   |
| West Winnsboro Water System                  | 648,093                           | 546,000                      |
| City of Natchitoches                         | 3,500,000                         | 2,704,863                    |
| Westlake                                     | 3,750,000                         | 3,621,905                    |
| Ascension                                    | 6,000,000                         | 3,506,932                    |
| Lafayette                                    | 2,800,000                         | 585,092                      |
| New Iberia                                   | 6,000,000                         | 2,326,716                    |
|  | <u>64,456,958</u>                 | <u>48,366,778</u>            |
| Total  | <u>\$64,456,958</u>               | <u>\$48,366,778</u>          |

The DWRLF has been awarded seven federal grants from the EPA. These grants are available through the EPA's Automated Clearing House Payment System (ACH). These grants are authorized by the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 and require matching funds from the state. The grants are used to fund infrastructure projects of \$86,876,600 to the state of which \$52,185,589 has been drawn, \$43,216,370 for loans and \$8,969,219 for set-aside activities. The state has provided matching funds through the year ended June 30, 2005, of \$11,677,271. The following summarizes the grants awarded, amounts drawn of each grant as of the balance sheet date, and balances available for future loans and set-aside expenses:

| <u>Grant Source</u> | <u>Grant Amount</u> | <u>Cumulative<br/>Dollar Draws<br/>Set-Asides</u> | <u>Cumulative<br/>Dollar Draws<br/>Loans</u> | <u>Total<br/>Cumulative<br/>Dollars Drawn<br/>as of<br/>June 30, 2005</u> | <u>Remaining<br/>Grant Dollars<br/>Available<br/>as of<br/>June 30, 2005</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---|--|---|--|
| FS996968-01-2       | \$20,420,300        | \$4,307,056                                       | \$16,113,244                                 | \$20,420,300  |  |
| FS996968-02-2       | 9,949,200           | 1,553,988   | 8,395,212                                    | 9,949,200   |  |
| FS996968-03-0       | 10,427,700          | 1,642,927   | 8,550,635                                    | 10,193,562  | \$234,138  |
| FS996968-04-0       | 10,837,400          | 1,049,226   | 9,766,574                                    | 10,815,800  | 21,600   |
| FS996968-05-0       | 18,934,800          |   | 390,705                                      | 390,705   | 18,544,095   |
| FS996968-06-0       | 8,004,100           | 263,245   |  | 263,245   | 7,740,855  |
| FS996968-07-0       | 8,303,100           | 152,777   |  | 152,777   | 8,150,323  |
|                     | <u>86,876,600</u>   | <u>8,969,219</u>                                  | <u>43,216,370</u>                            | <u>52,185,589</u>   | <u>34,691,011</u>  |
| Total               | <u>\$86,876,600</u> | <u>\$8,969,219</u>                                | <u>\$43,216,370</u>                          | <u>\$52,185,589</u>   | <u>\$34,691,011</u>  |

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The state has provided its required matching share of federal grant awards through General Fund appropriations and the sale of revenue bonds. Cash contributions from General Fund appropriations and sales of revenue bonds have totaled \$11,677,271. Matching contributions are as follows:

|                         | Cumulative<br>State Match<br>as of<br><u>June 30, 2004</u> | 2005<br>Contribution | Cumulative<br>State Match<br>as of<br><u>June 30, 2005</u> |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| State cash contribution | <u>\$9,691,552</u>   | <u>\$1,985,719</u>   | <u>\$11,677,271</u>  |

### 5. SET-ASIDE EXPENSES

A portion of the federal grant amounts awarded by the EPA can be specified to fund set-aside activities as follows:

- Up to 4% to provide administrative and technical assistance
- Up to 2% to provide technical assistance to small water systems
- Up to 10% to provide state program management
- Up to 15% to provide assistance in the development and implementation of local drinking water protection initiatives and other local assistance and state programs

Set-aside expenses are summarized as follows:

|                                     | <u>2005</u>        | <u>Prior Years</u> | <u>Total</u>       |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Administration                      | \$216,020          | \$1,681,981        | \$1,898,001        |
| Small system technical assistance   | 178,601            | 797,348            | 975,949            |
| State programs                      | 622,642            | 3,316,903          | 3,939,545          |
| Local assistance and state programs | 30,072             | 2,203,935          | 2,234,007          |
| Total                               | <u>\$1,047,335</u> | <u>\$8,000,167</u> | <u>\$9,047,502</u> |

### 6. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, follows:

|                               | Balance<br>July 1, 2004 | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Deletions</u> | Balance<br>June 30, 2005 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Equipment                     | \$214,995               |                  | (\$15,268)       | \$199,727                |
| Less accumulated depreciation | <u>(214,129)</u>        | <u>(\$866)</u>   | 15,268           | <u>(199,727)</u>         |
| Total                         | <u>\$866</u>            | <u>(\$866)</u>   | <u>NONE</u>      | <u>NONE</u>              |

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The capitalization policy of the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy, is to include only those assets with an original acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more for depreciable equipment. GASB Statement No. 34 requires the recognition of depreciation on capital assets, resulting in the recognition of accumulated depreciation for current and prior years.

### 7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS

The following is a summary of payables and accrued expenses at June 30, 2005:

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Vendor payables | \$60,640               |
| Payroll accrual | <u>30,613</u>          |
| Total payables  | <u><u>\$91,253</u></u> |

### 8. BONDS PAYABLE

The following is a summary of bonds payable for the year ended June 30, 2005:

|               | Balance<br>July 1,<br>2004 | Additions   | Reductions    | Balance<br>June 30,<br>2005 | Portion<br>Due Within<br>One Year |
|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bonds payable | NONE                       | \$2,000,000 | (\$1,500,000) | \$500,000                   | \$500,000                         |

The fund is allowed by CFR 35.3550(g)(3) to issue general obligation or revenue bonds to derive the state match. Furthermore, the secretary of DHH, through a Resolution by Executive Order pursuant to R.S. 30:2011 et seq., was authorized, for state matching purposes, to borrow through the issuance of the department's note to the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA), a conduit issuer of serial bonds for the department and the state.

The serial bond issue was called Louisiana Public Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds (Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Match Project) Series 2002 and was issued during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. This indebtedness was secured solely from the pledge of a portion of the revenues received by the department from loans made by the program (interest earned on loans receivable and interest earned on cash in state treasury). The LPFA is a public trust and public corporation organized and existing for the benefit of the State of Louisiana. The loan agreement between LPFA and DHH was for a total of \$8,000,000 of which \$1,000,000 was issued in fiscal year 2003; \$2,500,000 was issued during fiscal year 2004; and \$2,000,000 was issued during fiscal year 2005. The \$8,000,000 Indenture of Trust was issued between the LPFA and Hancock Bank of Louisiana. As of June 30, 2005, a total of \$5,330,166 was generated for matching fund purposes by the issuance of these serial bonds. Bond issue costs of \$169,834 were absorbed by bond proceeds and are, therefore, not required to be charged against the 4% administrative costs allowance in accordance with Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program guidelines. The \$1,500,000 of bond issues were repaid before the end of the fiscal year; therefore, a liability of \$500,000 exists at June 30, 2005.

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Additional issuance from this series may be issued as needed for future state matching purposes.

### 9. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

Losses arising from judgments, claims, and similar contingencies are paid through the state's self-insurance fund operated by the Office of Risk Management, the agency responsible for the state's risk management program, or by legislative appropriation. The DWRLF has no lawsuits outstanding at June 30, 2005.

### 10. RESTATEMENT OF BEGINNING NET ASSETS

The beginning net assets as reflected on Statement B has been restated for the compensated absence liability incorrectly recorded in prior years. The effect of the restatement is as follows:

|                                     |                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Net assets at June 30, 2004         | \$47,636,906               |
| Adjustment for compensated absences | <u>42,230</u>              |
| Net assets at July 1, 2004          | <u><u>\$47,679,136</u></u> |

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES**  
**As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

The Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund is considered one fund, which is comprised of a loan element and an administrative and state match element. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requested information on each of these elements. The supplementary information schedules 1 through 3 provide the details requested by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS,  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PROPRIETARY FUND - ENTERPRISE FUND**

**Schedule of Net Assets, by Account, June 30, 2005**

|                                      | <u>LOAN<br/>ACCOUNT</u>    | <u>ADMINISTRATIVE<br/>AND<br/>STATE MATCH<br/>ACCOUNT</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>               |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                        |                            |   |                            |
| Current assets:                      |                            |   |                            |
| Cash in state treasury               | \$7,161,441                | \$654,730   | \$7,816,171                |
| Receivables - due from others        | 2,580,385                  | 57,113  | 2,637,498                  |
| Total current assets                 | <u>9,741,826</u>           | <u>711,843</u>  | <u>10,453,669</u>          |
| Noncurrent assets - loans receivable | 46,277,278                 | NONE  | 46,277,278                 |
| Total assets                         | <u>56,019,104</u>          | <u>711,843</u>  | <u>56,730,947</u>          |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                   |                            |   |                            |
| Current liabilities:                 |                            |   |                            |
| Accounts payable and accruals        | 91,253                     |   | 91,253                     |
| Bonds payable                        | 500,000                    |   | 500,000                    |
| Total current liabilities            | <u>591,253</u>             | <u>NONE</u>   | <u>591,253</u>             |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                    |                            |   |                            |
| Unrestricted                         | <u>55,427,851</u>          | <u>711,843</u>  | <u>56,139,694</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>              | <u><u>\$55,427,851</u></u> | <u><u>\$711,843</u></u>                                   | <u><u>\$56,139,694</u></u> |

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS,  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PROPRIETARY FUND - ENTERPRISE FUND**

**Schedule of Revenues, Expenses, and  
Changes in Fund Net Assets, by Account  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005**

|  | LOAN<br>ACCOUNT     | ADMINISTRATIVE<br>AND<br>STATE MATCH<br>ACCOUNT | TOTAL               |
|--|---------------------|---|---------------------|
|  | <u>          </u>   | <u>          </u>                               | <u>          </u>   |
| <b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>                  |                     |   |                     |
| Federal funds - set-aside programs         | \$1,047,335         |   | \$1,047,335         |
| Interest earned on loans receivable        | 1,520,333           |   | 1,520,333           |
| Interest earned on cash in state treasury  | 129,535             | \$12,403  | 141,938             |
| Administrative fees                        |                     | 220,354   | 220,354             |
| Total operating revenues                   | <u>2,697,203</u>    | <u>232,757</u>                                  | <u>2,929,960</u>    |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>                  |                     |   |                     |
| Set-aside expenses                         | 1,047,335           |   | 1,047,335           |
| Depreciation expenses                      | 866                 |   | 866                 |
| Bond issue costs                           | 14,281              |   | 14,281              |
| Interest expense                           | 444                 |   | 444                 |
| Total operating expenses                   | <u>1,062,926</u>    | <u>NONE</u>                                     | <u>1,062,926</u>    |
| <b>OPERATING INCOME</b>                    | 1,634,277           | 232,757   | 1,867,034           |
| <b>CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS</b> |                     |   |                     |
| Capital contributions                      | 6,593,524           |   | 6,593,524           |
| Transfers in                               | 12,524              |   | 12,524              |
| Transfers out                              |                     | (12,524)  | (12,524)            |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>                | 8,240,325           | 220,233   | 8,460,558           |
| <b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>      | <u>47,187,526</u>   | <u>491,610</u>                                  | <u>47,679,136</u>   |
| <b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>            | <u>\$55,427,851</u> | <u>\$711,843</u>                                | <u>\$56,139,694</u> |

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS,  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PROPRIETARY FUND - ENTERPRISE FUND**

**Schedule of Cash Flows, by Account  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005**

|  | LOAN<br>ACCOUNT    | ADMINISTRATIVE<br>AND<br>STATE MATCH<br>ACCOUNT | TOTAL              |
|--|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>            |                    |   |                    |
| Cash received from interest on loans                   | \$1,445,202        |   | \$1,445,202        |
| Cash received from interest on cash in state treasury  | 117,613            | \$11,330  | 128,943            |
| Cash received from administrative fees                 |                    | 209,442   | 209,442            |
| Cash received from repayment of loan principal         | 2,009,553          |   | 2,009,553          |
| Cash received from allocations for set-aside programs  | 1,073,261          |   | 1,073,261          |
| Cash payments for set-aside expenses                   | (1,073,261)        |   | (1,073,261)        |
| Cash payments to borrowers                             | (7,773,938)        |   | (7,773,938)        |
| Transfers in   | 12,524             |   | 12,524             |
| Transfers out  |                    | (12,524)  | (12,524)           |
| Net cash provided (used) by operating activities       | <u>(4,189,046)</u> | <u>208,248</u>                                  | <u>(3,980,798)</u> |
| <b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities</b> |                    |   |                    |
| Contributed capital - Environmental Protection Agency  | 6,593,524          |   | 6,593,524          |
| Proceeds from issuance of bonds                        | 1,985,720          |   | 1,985,720          |
| Principal paid on bonds                                | (1,500,000)        |   | (1,500,000)        |
| Bond interest expense                                  | (444)              |   | (444)              |
| Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities   | <u>7,078,800</u>   | <u>NONE</u>                                     | <u>7,078,800</u>   |
| Net increase in cash                                   | 2,889,754          | 208,248   | 3,098,002          |
| Cash at beginning of the year                          | <u>4,271,688</u>   | <u>446,481</u>                                  | <u>4,718,169</u>   |
| Cash at end of the year                                | <u>\$7,161,442</u> | <u>\$654,729</u>                                | <u>\$7,816,171</u> |

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS,  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PROPRIETARY FUND - ENTERPRISE FUND  
Schedule of Cash Flows, by Account, 2005**

|  | LOAN<br>ACCOUNT      | ADMINISTRATIVE<br>AND<br>STATE MATCH<br>ACCOUNT | TOTAL                |
|--|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| <b>Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:</b> |                      |   |                      |
| Operating income   | \$1,634,277          | \$232,757                                       | \$1,867,034          |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities: |                      |   |                      |
| Bond issue costs   | 14,726               |   | 14,726               |
| Depreciation   | 866                  |   | 866                  |
| Transfers in (out)   | 12,524               | (12,524)  |                      |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:   |                      |   |                      |
| (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable   | (61,129)             | (11,984)  | (73,113)             |
| (Increase) in loans receivable   | (5,764,385)          |   | (5,764,385)          |
| (Decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses  | (25,926)             |   | (25,926)             |
| Net cash provided (used) by operating activities   | <u>(\$4,189,047)</u> | <u>\$208,249</u>                                | <u>(\$3,980,798)</u> |

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**OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY  
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS AND THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AUDIT GUIDE  
FOR CLEAN WATER AND DRINKING WATER  
STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAMS**

The following pages contain reports on compliance and internal control over financial reporting as required by *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and on internal control and compliance with requirements applicable to the Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water Revolving Funds Program in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Agency Audit Guide for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs*.

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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*

**DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS,  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
New Orleans, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health - Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated June 29, 2006. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health - Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. 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 statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health - Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material

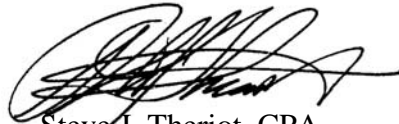
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effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and are described in the accompanying Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to the Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance With the *Environmental Protection Agency Audit Guide for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs* (Exhibit B).

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management of the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health and the federal awarding agency and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Respectfully submitted,



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Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to the Capitalization  
Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Program and on  
Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance With the  
*Environmental Protection Agency Audit Guide for  
Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs*

**DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS,  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
New Orleans, Louisiana**

**Compliance**

We have audited the compliance of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health - Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund with the types of compliance requirements that are applicable to the Capitalization Grants for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds program (CFDA 66.468) for the year ended June 30, 2005, as specified by the *Environmental Protection Agency Audit Guide for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs*. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to this federal program is the responsibility of management of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the *Environmental Protection Agency Audit Guide for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund's compliance with those requirements.

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In our opinion, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health - Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to previously that are applicable to its Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Program for the year ended June 30, 2005. However, the results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance with those requirements as follows:

### **Subrecipients Not Monitored for Audit and Accounting Requirements**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health (OPH) did not properly monitor audit reports submitted by subrecipients of the Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds program (CFDA 66.468) to ensure the appropriate Single Audit was obtained on subrecipients expending \$500,000 or more of program funds.

The *Environmental Protection Agency Audit Guide for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs* (Audit Guide) requires the state to monitor loan recipients to ensure the project accounting system meets program requirements. This would be ensured by reviewing the subrecipient audit reports as required by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 (Circular), which is referenced by the Audit Guide. In addition to requiring the pass-through entity to ensure required audits are performed, this Circular also requires them to identify federal award information, including the CFDA title and number, to the subrecipient to enable them to ensure the correct audit is performed. Good controls over subrecipient monitoring require that all submitted audit reports are reviewed to ensure that the Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (CGDWSRF) has been included in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and to ensure that the correct audit has been performed in accordance with the Circular.

Of four subrecipients that received in excess of \$500,000 of program funds during the fiscal year, one (25%) did not include CGDWSRF program funds totaling \$1,818,328 on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. This indicates that these funds received by the subrecipient may not have been included in the audit as required by the Circular. In addition, three (75%) did not include the correct program name, one (25%) did not include the correct CFDA number, and one (25%) did not include the correct amount of federal money expended on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. This indicates that the proper audit may not have been received by the subrecipients and that the subrecipients' project accounting system may not meet federal requirements. In addition, there was no evidence of follow-up by OPH with the subrecipients to notify them of the deficient audit, which indicates inadequate controls over subrecipient monitoring by OPH.

Failure to ensure adequate audit coverage increases the risk that instances of noncompliance exist at the subrecipient level. The department, as the pass-through entity, is ultimately responsible for subrecipient noncompliance.

Management of the department should implement procedures to review the subrecipient audit reports to ensure that the proper audit is obtained. The audit reports along with on-site monitoring or other procedures should be implemented to ensure proper project accounting at the subrecipient level. Subrecipients who are not in compliance with federal audit requirements should be immediately notified and required to comply. Management concurred with the finding and recommendation and outlined a plan of corrective action (see Appendix A).

### **Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health - Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to this federal program. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health - Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on its Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Program (CFDA 66.468), in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on the internal control over compliance in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Agency Audit Guide for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs*.

We noted a certain matter involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over compliance that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health - Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund's ability to administer this federal program in accordance with the applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. This reportable condition is described previously in the "Compliance" section of this report.

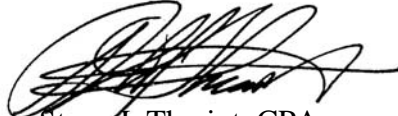
A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with the applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants caused by error or fraud that would be material in relation to the federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over compliance 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, we believe that the reportable condition previously described is not a material weakness.

## DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND

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Management's Corrective Action  
Plan and Response to the  
Finding and Recommendations

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Dear Mr. Theriot:

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), Office of Public Health's (OPH) Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program (DWRLF) has prepared this official response to the reported finding of "Sub Recipients Not Monitored for Audit and Accounting Requirements" that was discovered in the process of our fiscal year 2005 legislative audit. The Louisiana OPH concurs with the finding by the legislative auditor's office and has prepared a corrective action for your review.

The DWRLF Program Manager, T. Jay Ray, along with Loan Coordinator Jennifer Meyer and Capacity Coordinator Joel Mckenzie, has created a corrective action plan to comply with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 (Circular A-133). Listed below are the details of the two tier plan:

- (Tier 1) The DWRLF will notify all existing sub recipients and their Certified Public Accountants by certified mail of the correct program name and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number that must be listed on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Award for our program in their annual report to ensure sub recipients of program funds are in compliance with Circular A-133 and are properly monitored in the future. Also, the DWRLF will follow up with written and verbal correspondence with sub recipients during the fiscal year to ensure Federal Capitalization Grant DWRLF fund amounts reported are correct along with the correct program name and CFDA number.
- (Tier 2) To ensure future sub recipients are in compliance with Circular A-133, the DWRLF program will modify the pre-loan documents to include language that spells out the process sub recipients must follow to comply with Circular A-133. Also, the DWRLF program will meet with the loan recipient and the person or entity responsible for their financial reporting to ensure the sub recipients comply with Circular A-133. Once the loan is closed, the DWRLF will follow the plan mentioned above in Tier 1 and follow-up with the sub recipients to notify them of any discrepancies in their audit.

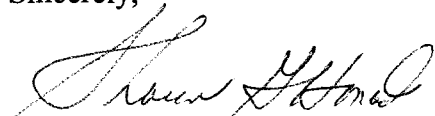
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Management and staff of this department will work vigorously to see that this finding is corrected and will have procedures in place by an anticipated date of October 1, 2006. Thank you for your attention and continuing cooperation with this matter. If you have questions or comments, please contact DWRLF Program Manager T. Jay Ray at (225) 765-5075.

Sincerely,



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