



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Since its establishment in 1996, the St. Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority has achieved a number of goals and is very proud of its many accomplishments. Despite the achievements over the years, the Authority continued to move forward with the performance necessary to meet its vision and mission. In fiscal year 2007/08, the Authority continued to successfully meet the demands of the waste management sector and to make significant contributions to the overall quality of life of St. Lucians.

If we are to meet future demands bearing in mind that St. Lucians rely on their environment for clean air, water and land for survival we need to continue to invest in our operations, maintenance, capital infrastructure, public education and enforcement strategies as well as our human resources - the men and women who work daily to achieve our collective goals and objectives.

As we continue our journey of sustainability in waste management we do so with great expectations that each resident will exhibit personal responsibility as this is paramount in our collective efforts to protect health and the environment. Indeed, united strength of all is required if we are to strike a balance between those who disregard public health and our environment and those who will not stand by and accept that threat but of course take the action necessary to ensure that all comply. It is only then that we will

truly be able to protect the future of our families whose lives are dependent on the environment for sustenance of the economy and health.

Therefore in order to continue our commitment to the principle of shared responsibility and to help us meet the needs of St. Lucians, we encourage partnerships with non-profit and private sector organizations and urge the Authority to continue to forge these strategic alliances. It is also necessary that we intensify efforts at community-level activities that promote greater stewardship for our environment as such positive relationships with partners and stakeholders can redound in tremendous achievements in overall waste management on the island.

As a government we will continue to make solid waste management a priority in order that challenges as well as the opportunities they present are met. We will also continue to hold sustainable waste management as a fundamental principle as this will help us respond to the desire for growth that addresses not just economic needs, but the needs of the society and the environment as well.

I applaud everyone who helped make the 2007 – 2008 fiscal year a progressive one for St. Lucia in the field of waste management. Together we can continue to ensure that St. Lucia's land, air and water are sustained for future generations.



CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

The fiscal year 2007/2008 marked a year of significant personal losses to the Authority amidst efforts to continue to improve the management of solid waste on the island. Actually my tenure as Chairperson of the Board of Directors commenced after the gruesome murder of the then Chairperson, Mrs. Marcia Philbert-Jules on Monday, June 25, 2007.

Mrs. Marcia Philbert-Jules served on the Board of Directors of the St. Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority from its inaugural meeting on December 17, 1997 until 1998 where she held the positions of Director and Deputy Chairperson until 2001. In October 2004 she again served in the capacity of the sixth (6th) Chairperson up until her death. Marcia Philbert-Jules saw and contributed to the growth of the Authority from a project (OECS Solid & Ship Generated Waste Management Project) into a full-fledged statutory organization.

Later during the year on Friday, September 7, 2007 the Authority suffered another loss in the person of Prime Minister, Sir John George Melvin Compton who served as the Minister with responsibility for the St. Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority from December 2006.

The sudden passing of Mr. John La Force on Sunday, March 2, 2008 resulted in a vacant seat on the Board of Directors of the St. Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority. Mr. John La Force served as a director on the Board from December 2006.

May their souls rest in peace.

Despite the many challenges the Authority persevered in its quest to enhance the quality of health and the environment for all. The Authority continued to provide an island-wide collection service to all households and government institutions through its private waste collection contractors. Both the Deglos Sanitary Landfill and the Vieux-Fort Solid Waste Management Facility continued to be managed at international standards and the environmental monitoring programme implemented since 2003 continued to provide an assessment of the impact of the sites on the environment. Government health care establishments throughout the island continued to receive a biomedical waste collection and treatment service along with some private sector health establishments who had opted for the service outside regulations which would make it mandatory that they make the necessary arrangements for the collection, disposal and treatment of biomedical waste.

Waste diversion continued to be a challenge. While some materials such as scrap metal, used oil, used lead acid batteries and limited quantities of plastics continue to be diverted away from the landfill measures are required to facilitate and encourage alternative waste management strategies among the populace as well as private sector investment in waste diversion efforts. To this end the Authority has secured funding from the European Union under the Special Framework of Assistance (SFA) during this reporting period to assist with waste diversion initiatives.

Environmental Education continued to be an integral part of the journey towards improved waste management on the island. Education and awareness programmes

targeted various sectors all in an effort to effect attitudinal change among the populace thus minimizing poor waste management practices.

We at the Authority are very pleased with our achievements during the past year and look forward to whatever challenges and opportunities lie ahead of us. In conclusion it would not be possible to make such progress without the ongoing commitment and dedication of the staff as well as the guidance of the Board of Directors. Thanks to all who have been part of the journey.



GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

When you speak of the St Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority we would like to think, that you speak of us as an organization that stands for environmental stewardship, excellent customer service, and active participation in community life in Saint Lucia. We the people, who work at the Authority, are mindful of our responsibility to deliver through our waste contactors a consistent and good quality service to the households and governmental agencies which we serve. We are however conscious, that more can be done especially in the areas of waste diversion, reuse and recycling. We take this opportunity to inform you that we have and will continue to embrace and seek avenues to further this objective.

We also recognize, there is a need for all agencies involved in waste management, to develop and adhere to standards, which will ensure that waste is managed in a manner that does not compromise health, the environment and our vital tourism industry.

To ensure that our residents and visitors alike enjoy a clean environment it is important that we the agencies charged with the responsibility for waste management execute our duties effectively and conscientiously. The issue of clearing of drains and litter management along our roadside remains a concern to the Authority and other stakeholders. However in spite of our best efforts at getting some agencies so charged with this mandate to improve their operational practices they have not seen this need themselves so as to do better. Improvements have been seen in the operations of

towns and village councils because they were committed to improve and we are indeed pleased and proud of this partnership with them.

To accomplish this feat of a clean Saint Lucia especially within our capital city it is important that the agencies that operate below acceptable standards work harder and seek accountability from the staff and agents entrusted to carry out their mandate. It cannot be business as usual as we are now seeking to lure more visitors to our shores. Therefore the objective of all stakeholders in the waste management industry cannot be to play the same game better, but rather it should be to change the playing field and perform at a higher level.

The progress the Authority continues to make, year after year, is gratifying because it means we are making Saint Lucia a cleaner and safer place to live. However we will feel even better if all Saint Lucians play their part and develop a tolerance for no less than excellent waste management services and disposal practices. Saint Lucians must demand quality service and accountability from all agencies engaged in waste management as this service is germane to the sustainability of our tourism industry, the health of our citizen and the patrimony of future generation.

The Authority recognizes that its staff and contractors have played and continue to play a pivotal role in its success. We encourage our employees to think, to grow, to contribute, to become leaders and everyday heroes. In short, it is our hope that our employees enjoy their job and the working environment which we provide. We also embrace our contractors' staff by ensuring that they work in a safe environment and helping develop the necessary skills required to provide a high quality and courteous service.

The Authority is very appreciative of the support that this agency has received from the citizens, corporate benefactors, and governmental agencies. When you stand alongside us and stretch out a helping hand you make us stronger and we thank you for your support and continued confidence.

The next few years promises to be a challenging time as we seek to embrace and adapt to changes in waste management technology and a rapidly changing global environment. We are dedicated, motivated and empowered to make a difference as every person in every position throughout our organization plays a role in serving our customers, keeping communities clean, and protecting the environment. Together with you and our contractors, this team of nearly forty (40) employees and the Board of Directors will drive our success and in so doing protect our beautiful Helen.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

OVERVIEW

The Administration Department with its dedicated staff continues to ensure that the Authority meets its objective through its efficient support to the various departments and its effective information system.

WORKPLAN SESSIONS

Workplan sessions are held with management, supervisory and administrative staff to evaluate the Authority's performance throughout the year and to set new goals for the upcoming year.

HUMAN RESOURCE

Training

Staff participated in the following Training programme during the period under review

Name & Programme	Institution/Facilitator
Advance Waste Management Techniques	
Mr. Laurianus Lesfloris	Government of Japan
E Course (Landfill Fires)	
Laurianus Lesfloris	SWANA
Marie Dalsan	
Dave Augustin	
Wendy Eristhee	
E Course (Landfill Gas Systems)	
Laurianus Lesfloris	SWANA
Gem Hutchinson	
Edgarfue Felicite	
Dave Augustin	
Wendy Eristhee	
Marie Dalsan	

Participation in Local Workshops, Seminars and Consultations

During the period under review, staff of the Authority participated in the following:

Date	Name	Type	Institution/Agency
July, 07	Gem Hutchinson	In Service Training Course	National Conservation Authority
	Edgarfue Felicite	Tool for Calculating Emission	Ministry of Physical Planning, Sustainable Department
	Gem Hutchinson	Tool for Calculating Emission	Ministry of Physical Planning, Sustainable Department
Sept., 07	Edgarfue Felicite	Collaboration between CEHI and PAHO	Eastern Caribbean Countries
	Edgarfue Felicite	Empowering Local Authorities	National Insurance Corporation
	Gem Hutchinson		
	Dave Augustin		
	Wendy Eristhee		
Nov., 07	Edgarfue Felicite	Marpol Seminar	Freewinds
	Gem Hutchinson		
	Marie Dalsan		
Feb., 08	Tashika Hippolyte	Understanding National Insurance	National Insurance Corporation
	Atkinson Alcide	Financial Reporting – Imperatives & Emerging Economies”	Caribbean Money Market Brokers
March, 08	Tashika Hippolyte	Essential Supervision Skills & Leadership Requirements	St. Lucia Employers’ Federation

Facilitation of Human Resource Development

The Authority facilitates staff participation in various courses by giving time off to enable their participation in courses, seminars or sitting of examinations.

Name	Programme	Institution
Laurianus Lesfloris	Masters of Science in Environmental Management	University of Derby
Edgarfue Felicite		

Promotions

Under the period of review the following employee was promoted:

Name	Position	Location
Arlett Monroe-Ruiz	Administrative Assistant	Head Office

New Appointments

The Authority recruited the following staff during the period of review:

Name	Position & Location	Start Date
Tashika Hippolyte	Receptionist/Secretary	Nov., 2007
Davis Mathurin	Weighbridge Attendant	Nov., 2007
Darrel Augier	Weighbridge Attendant	Nov., 2007
Sylvester George	Spotter	July, 2007
Remy Thomas	Mechanic	Oct., 2007
Joseph Jules	Spotter	Aug, 2007
Anthony Cools	Tire Shredder Operator	Sept., 2007

Resignations

During the period under review the following employees resigned their positions.

Name	Position	Location
Angela Frazer	Administrative Assistant	Head Office
Darrel Augier	Weighbridge Attendant	Vieux Fort

Staff Appreciation and Recognition

During the period under review the following persons were recognized for the exemplary manner in which their duties were executed:-

Name	Type of Recognition	Recognized by
Edgarfue Felicite	High level of enthusiasm and commitment exhibited during the waste management workshop for children	Ms. Emlyn Jean
Tashika Hippolyte	Commendable performance whilst acting in the position of Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Geraldine Lendor-Gabriel

Acting Appointments

During the period under review, the Board of Directors approved the appointment of the following persons in the following acting positions in the absence of staff who were on leave for the mentioned periods:-

Name & Position	Acting Position	Date
Marie Dalsan – Landfill Monitoring Officer	Operations Manager	May 2007 – August, 2007
Emlyn Jean – Education & Public Information Manager	Officer In Charge	May, 2007 – July, 2007
Tashika Hippolyte – Receptionist/Secretary	Administrative Assistant	February, 2008 – June, 2008
Janet Niles – Office Assistant/Clerk	Receptionist/Secretary	February, 2008 – June, 2008

EDUCATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Overview

The planning and implementation of education and awareness initiatives related to solid waste management is one of the core mandates of the St. Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority. In keeping with the mandate, environmental education and awareness continued to be an integral part of the journey towards improved waste management practices on the island. To attain the public education component of its mandate the St. Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority in collaboration with its partners facilitated the following efforts to promote proper waste management practices.

- Annual National Cleanup Activity
- Annual National Antilitter Schools' March
- Facilitation of community cleanup activities
- Production of quarterly newsletter entitled 'SLSWMA NEWS'
- Production of public service announcements
- Production of brochures/posters
- Participation during national radio and television programmes
- Provision of lectures to various publics
- Production of videos on various solid waste issues
- Facilitation of community meetings
- Tours of disposal sites for selected target groups
- 24 hour hotline for public complaints
- Letter/flyer drop-offs to individual households
- Use of community crier

Successful efforts undertaken in fostering public awareness during the financial year April 2007 – March 2008 included:

School Presentations

Schools presentations were conducted upon request. Twenty-four (24) presentations were conducted at seventeen (17) schools with a total of nine hundred and fifty-six (956) students participating (Table 1). Issues discussed included basic waste management practices, waste minimization, impacts of poor waste management, etc.

Table 1: School Presentations

School Name	No. of Presentations	No. of Participants
Gros-Islet Primary School	5	220
Balata Combined School	1	70
Blanchard Combined School	2	64
Aux Leon Combined School	1	42
Plain Vue Combined School	1	26

Belle Vue Combined School	2	60
Vieux-Fort Primary School	1	122
Patience Combined School	1	35
Mon Repos Combined School	1	200
Soufriere Infant School	1	26
Banse La Grace Combined School	2	166
Saltibus Combined School	1	16
Roblot Combined School	1	23
River Doree Anglican School	1	21
Piaye Combined School	1	21
Mongouge Combined School	1	22
Dugard Combined School	1	12
Leon Hess Comprehensive Secondary School	2	30
TOTAL	24	1176

Public/Private Sector Presentations

Eighteen (18) presentations were conducted to private/public sector interests resulting in contact with five hundred persons (500) (Table 2). Presentations focused on the management of waste during public events, proper waste management practices, impacts of poor waste management, management of derelict vehicles, ULABs, waste oil and litter management etc.

Table 2: Public/Private Sector Presentations

Public/Private Sector Name	No. of Presentations	No. of Participants
L'Abbayee Day Care Centre	1	20
Anse La Raye Community	1	20
3 B Castries to Jacmel Minibus Association	1	10
Gros-Islet Polyclinic	1	11
Riviere Mitant Development Committee	1	20
1B Castries –Babonneau Minibus Association	1	15
IE Castries to Monchy Minibus Association	1	21
5A Morne du Don Minibus Association	1	15
Carellie Minibus Association	1	4
Micoud Local Action Team	1	40
Solid Rock Pentecostal Church, Blanchard	1	48
TIEDIE, Belle Vue	1	26
West Hall Group	1	20
Dennery Environmental Club	1	15
Soufriere/Canaries Minibus Association	1	8
Gros-Islet Seventh Day Adventist Church	1	100
Castries Vendors	1	10
Duke of Edinburgh Awards	1	97

TOTAL	18	500
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Community Meetings

One hundred and eleven (111) persons attended the five (5) community meetings organized during the period under review (Table 3). While community meetings are critical in the exchange of information among stakeholders and arriving at amicable solutions to waste management issues they are usually poorly attended.

Table 3: Community Meetings

Community Name	No. of Meetings	No. of Participants
Bon Aire, Marisule	1	11
Micoud	1	20
West Hall Group, Vieux- Fort	1	20
La Ressource, Vieux-Fort	2	60
TOTAL	5	111

Waste Management Workshops

Four (4) workshops targeted at children and garage operators were organized and attended by one hundred and eighty nine (189) persons (Table 4). The two workshops for children sought to sensitize and develop awareness among the children with respect to solid waste management at the individual, household, community and national level. Issues of solid waste management were highlighted in the form of expressive writing, song, drama, art & craft, dance, tours of communities as well as a tour of the Deglos Sanitary Landfill. These workshops were organized for low-income, densely populated communities. The waste management workshops targeted garage operators who are one of the major generators of waste oil on the island and served to sensitize garage operators about proper waste management practices and strengthen their capacity to deal with waste oil in a sanitary manner.

Table 4: Waste Management Workshops

Waste Management Workshop	Group Name	No. of Workshops	No. of Participants
Solid Waste Management	Morne du Don, Castries, Laborie	2	134
Waste Oil Management	Garage Operators	2	55
	TOTAL	4	189

Letter/Flyer Drop-offs

In an attempt to reach individual households, letters/flyers were delivered to individual homes informing households of the issues and the corrective action. During the period under review two thousand four hundred and seventy (2470) households in seventy-three (73) communities were targeted (Table 5).

Table 5: Letter/Flyer Drop-offs

Brief Description	Community Name	No. Distributed
Guidelines for Roadside Garages	Castries Inner/Outer/Anse La Raye Zones	50
Waste Management Practices	Patterson's Gap	30
Waste Management Practices	La Toc	15
Waste Management Practices	Capital Hill/Spice City	30
Bin Removal	Marchand	40
Waste Management Practices	Leslie Land	30
Waste Management Practices	L'Abayyee, Bexon	30
Waste Management Practices	L,Anse Road	20
Waste Management Practices	Coolie Town	25
Waste Management Practices	Leslie Land/Waterworks Road	40
Waste Management Practices	Rock Hall	25
Bin Removal	Old Victoria Road	50
Bin Removal	Capital Hill	50
Bin Removal	Lastic Hill	25
Waste Management Practices	Rock Hall/Pavee Junction	25
Waste Management Practices	La Clery	25
Bin Removal	Patterson's Gap	30
Waste Management Practices	Capital Hill	50
Bin Removal	La Clery	200
Waste Management Practices	Riverside Road	25
Waste Management Practices	Pavee	30
Waste Management Practices	L'Abbayee	30
Bin Removal	La Clery	100
Bin Removal	Marc	30
Bin Removal	Bexon	50
Waste Management Practices	Caye	30
Waste Management Practices	La Clery	30
Waste Management Practices	La Pansee	30
Waste Collection Points	CDC Residents	150
Waste Management Practices	Sarot	25
Bin Removal	Goodlands	20
Waste Management Practices	Marc	25
Waste Management Practices	Lastic Hill	40
Waste Management Practices	Dierre Fort	30
Collection Days	Entrepot	40

Collection Days	Morne du Don	30
Bin Removal	Bois D'Orange	20
Business Waste Management	Garrand	4
Bin Removal	Marisule	15
Bin Removal	Bella Rosa	20
Bin Removal	Marisule	15
Collection Days	Rose Hill	30
Collection Days	Massade	10
Change in Collection Service	Bon Aire	30
Collection Days	Bois D'Orange	40
Change in Collection Service	Bisee	60
Change in Collection Service	Corinth	40
Collection Days	Gros-Islet	50
Bulky Waste Collection Days	Balata	30
Bin Removal	Bisee	60
Waste Collection Points	Summersdale	15
Bin Removal	Mongiraud	15
Change in Collection Service	Balata	8
Change in Collection Service	Reduit	20
Change in Collection Service	Morne Serpent	30
Management of Business Waste	Bois D'Orange	8
Waste Management Practices	La Feuille	30
Collection Days	Massade	30
Management of Business Waste	Gros-Islet Town	20
Waste Management Practices	Westhall Group, VFort	30
Waste Management Practices	Cedar Heights, VFort	23
Waste Management Practices	Laborie Banse Junction	10
Letter of commendation	West Hall Group, Vieux-Fort	30
Bin Removal	Moule-a-Chique	20
Waste Management Practices	La Perle/Piaye	15
Waste Management Practices	Market Road, Soufriere	20
Waste Management Practices	Testanier Highway, Laborie	25
Waste Management Practices	Palmiste, Soufriere	63
Waste Management Practices	Fond Benier, Soufriere	30
Waste Management Practices	Flora Villa, Canaries	20
Bin Removal	Baron's Drive,	40

	Market Road	
Waste Management Practices	Debreuil/La Fargue Junction	15
Waste Management Practices	Reunion, Choiseul	24
	TOTAL 73	2470

Tours of Deglos Sanitary Landfill

The Deglos Sanitary Landfill continued to serve as an educational landmark for schools and private and public sector entities. Approximately five hundred and thirty-three (533) persons were hosted during sixteen (16) tours conducted (Table 7). Tours of the facility provided participants with first-hand knowledge of the management of the various waste streams received at the site.

Table 7: Tours: Deglos Sanitary Landfill & Vieux-Fort Solid Waste Management Facility

Group Name	No. of Tours	No. of Participants
Waste Management Workshop – Morne-du-don	1	70
Ministry of Physical Development	1	2
Balata Primary School	1	57
Entrepot Secondary School	1	3
Des Barras Primary School	1	28
Laborie Girls' Primary & Laborie Boys' Primary School	1	46
Mon Repos Combined School	1	30
Bocage Secondary School	1	30
Seventh Day Academy	1	16
Waste Management Workshop - Laborie	1	90
Gros-Islet Primary School	1	38
Vieux-Fort Primary School	1	85
Board of Directors of the SLSWMA	1	5
Japanese Volunteers	1	7
Castries Comprehensive Secondary School	1	18
Sir Arthur Lewis Community College	1	8
TOTAL	16	533

Newsletter

The Authority continued the production of its quarterly newsletter, SLSWMA News (Table 8). The newsletter featured various activities undertaken by the Authority as well as articles on proper waste management practices. Newsletters were distributed locally, regionally and internationally.

Table 8: SLSWMA News

Newsletters	No. Printed	No. Distributed
SLSWMA News (April – June)	500	500
SLSWMA News (July – Sept)	500	500
SLSWMA News (Oct – Dec)	500	500
SLSWMA News (Jan – Mar)	500	500
TOTAL	2000	2000

Brochures

Six (6) brochures were prepared featuring various aspects of solid waste management (Table 9).

Table 9: Brochures

Brochures	No. Printed	No. Distributed
Composting	-	-
Managing Litter	“	-
Derelict Vehicle Management	“	-
Biomedical Waste Management	“	-
Managing Your Garbage	“	-
Who the SLSWMA	“	-
TOTAL	-	-

Press Releases

Twenty-three (23) press releases highlighting various waste management issues or activities of the Authority were issued during the period under review (table 10). Press releases were prepared as the need arose and issued to all media houses.

Table 10: Press Releases

Month	Brief Description
April 07	Cricket World Cup
April 07	Waste Management Workshop – Morne du Don
May 07	Marigot Cleanup Activity
May 07	Roseau Cleanup Activity

May 07	Waste Oil Management Workshop
June 07	Marcia Philbert-Jules Passes Away
August 07	Management of Waste During Hurricane Season
August 07	Choc Beach Cleanup Activity
August 07	Management of Materials on Construction Sites
August 07	Collection Schedule during Hurricane Dean
August 07	Management of Green Waste
August 07	Waste Management Workshop – Laborie
September 07	Anti-Litter Schools' March 2007
September 07	Sir John George Melvin Compton Passes Away
October 07	Anti-Litter Schools' March 2007
October 07	National Clean Up Activity 2007
November 07	National Clean Up Activity 2007 Aftermath
December 07	Management of Waste During the Christmas Season
February 08	National Cleanup Activity Awards
February 08	Closure of Bagatelle Road
February 08	Leslie Land Cleanup Activity
February 08	National Cleanup Activity Awards
February 08	Returnable Containers Bill
TOTAL	23

Radio and Television Interviews

Thirty-nine (39) radio and television interviews were conducted highlighting various waste management issues or activities of the Authority (Table 11). These were conducted by radio and television news reporters after receipt of press releases or through their own initiative.

Table 11: Radio & Television Interviews

Medium		Number
Television		20
Radio	English	16
	Kweyol	3
Total		39

Public Service Announcements

The Authority issued three (3) public service announcements during the period under review (Table 12). The Public Service Announcements were directed to the public during situations of emergency and whenever there was need to relay urgent information to the public. Messages were issued to at least three radio stations for dissemination to the public.

Television Public Service Announcements

Three (3) television public service announcements were produced and aired on two (2) television stations (Table 12). The first public service announcement invited the public to participate in national cleanup activities while the second and third encouraged proper waste management practices in order to eradicate rats.

Table 12: Television PSAs

Title	
National Cleanup Activity 2007	1
Eradicate Rats	2
Total	3

Radio Public Service Announcements

Twenty (20) radio public service announcements were aired on three (3) radio stations (Table 13). The public service announcements encouraged the good waste management practices.

Table 13: Radio PSAs

Title	
Eradicate Rats	1
Derelict Vehicles	3
Waste Collection	2
Littering	3
Construction & Demolition Waste	2
Public Events	2
Dead Animals	2
Transportation of Waste	2
Waste Management	3
Green Waste	1
Bulky Waste	2
Hurricane Dean	1
Absence of Collection Service on Christmas Day and New Years Day	1
Closure of Sites During Christmas Season	1
Total	26

Community Crier

Having recognized that communication methods which allow direct contact with the community resulted in a greater number of persons receiving the information, the Authority continued to engage the services of a community crier to assist with the dissemination of information to the public. The community crier was utilized in 23 communities during the period under review (Table 14).

Table 14: Community Crier

Month	Brief Description
April 07	Micoud Community Meeting
August 07	Bin Removal in Patterson's Gap
September 07	Bin Removal in La Clery
November 07	Bin Removal in Marc
November 07	Bin Removal in Bexon
November 07	Waste Management Practices in La Clery
November 07	Bin Removal in La Clery
November 07	Bon Aire
November 07	Bois D'Orange
November 07	Agard Lands
November 07	Bisee
November 07	Carellie

November 07	Entrepot
November 07	Black Stars
November 07	Morne Du Don
November 07	Riviere Mitant
November 07	Cedars
November 07	Beausejour
November 07	Bois D'Orange
TOTAL	23

National Cleanup Activities/Antilitter Schools' Marches

The St. Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority hosted two Antilitter Schools' Marches (ALSM) and the National Cleanup Activity (NCUA) under the theme ***"It's Our Environment – Step Up, Let's Keep it Clean."*** The first Antilitter Schools' March was held on Friday, October 5, 2007 from the Phillip Marcellin Grounds through the town of Vieux-Fort and back to the Phillip Marcellin Grounds while the second was held on Friday, October 12, 2007 from the Vigie Playing Field to the Derek Walcott Square. The National Clean Up Activity was held on November 2, 3, and 4, 2007.

Letters of invitation were sent to all infant, primary and secondary schools in the island inviting participation to the Antilitter Marches. With respect to NCUA, schools, community groups, private and public sector agencies were targeted through letters of invitation.

A television advertisement was prepared in collaboration with Dove Productions for the activities. The television advertisement was aired on National Television Network (NTN) and Daher Broadcasting Service (DBS) from October 1, 2007 leading up to the activity.

Press releases were issued and impromptu interviews conducted with radio and television stations as well as the Government Information Service.

Over one hundred (100) private sector entities were targeted for financial or in-kind contributions through letters of request. Financial donations received amounted to \$4,200.00 (see appendix A) a decrease of \$200.00 in comparison to financial donations received last year.

In-kind contributions were received from a wide cross section of the business community (see appendix B). These companies contributed a value of approximately \$33,395.00 in products and services. Dove Productions contributed coverage of the antilitter schools marches valued at approximately \$2000.00. Other noteworthy contributions were received from Daher Broadcasting Service, Renwick & Company, Bank of Nova Scotia, Super J and waste collection contractors employed by the Authority.

Antilitter Schools' March

On Friday, October 5, 2007 approximately four hundred and eighty (480) students representing fourteen (14) schools assembled at the Phillip Marcellin Grounds in Vieux-Fort from 9:30 a.m. and marched south along New Dock Road, then onto New Dock Lane, south along Clarke Street, then right onto Theodore Street, along Giraudy Street, then along Commercial Street, then north along Clarke Street, then right onto the Vieux-Fort-Laborie Highway, then along New Dock Road and back to the Phillip Marcellin Grounds encouraging the public to keep St. Lucia clean. Students carried placards with anti-litter messages and chanted slogans as they move to the beat of music. At the Phillip Marcellin Grounds students and teachers gathered and were addressed by Mr. Peter Joseph, Education Officer, District 6. Presentations demonstrating good solid waste practices were made by students of the Augier Combined School and the Roblot Combined School.

In Castries approximately six hundred (600) students representing twenty five (25) schools assembled at the Vigie Playing Field from 9:30 a.m. and marched along the John Compton Highway onto and up Peynier Street, then, right up Micoud Street, then left onto Bourbon Street, then left onto Brazil Street, then left onto Laborie Street to the Derek Walcott Square encouraging the public to keep St. Lucia clean.

At the Derek Walcott Square students and teachers also gathered for a short ceremony where they were addressed by Mr. Crispin D'Auvergne, Chief Sustainable & Environment Officer as well as Mrs. Rose Aubertin of the Rodent Control Coordination Unit (RCCU) of the Ministry of Health. The gathering was entertained with presentations by students of the R. C. Boys' Primary School and the Camille Henry Memorial School. Messages from the performances highlighted the need for proper waste management practices.

Thirty nine (39) infant, primary and secondary schools originating from the north and south of the island participated in the marches. Fourteen schools from the south opted for participation in the south of the island while the remaining twenty-five participated in the march held in Castries.

As in previous years, participating schools were judged as follows:

- Most creative slogan/placard
- Best organized/energetic group

National Clean-Up Activity

With respect to the National Clean-Up Activity two hundred and twenty (220) groups throughout the island participated over the three-day cleanup period. Activities began on Friday, November 2, with cleanup activities undertaken by the schools and some

public sector agencies. Public sector agencies involved included the Fire Service, Royal St. Lucia Police Force, Ministry of Tourism, National Conservation Authority, Ministry of Communications & Works, Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry and the Towns and Village Councils. A noticeable difference was that many more schools from the south of the island undertook cleanup activities within their communities rather than limiting the activity to the school compound.

Cleanup activities continued on Saturday and Sunday with community groups and private sector agencies undertaking cleanups of road sides, illegal dumps, recreational areas, beaches, ravines, rivers and public spaces. Both public and private contractors assisted with the removal and transportation of waste generated during the clean up activities.

NCUA was an overall success with increased participation recorded in the north of the island and by the schools. With respect to the ALSM while the level of participation was generally satisfactory in the north, participation in the south was limited possibly due to the observance of Teacher Appreciation Day which coincided with the march. Come NCUA 2008 the Authority anticipates even greater participation since the activity appears to be growing from year to year.

National Clean-up Activity Awards 2007

The St. Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority on Saturday, March 1, 2007 held its sixth annual National Clean-Up Activity Awards at the Civil Service Association (CSA) Centre in Sans Souci. The activity sought to acknowledge individuals, groups, community persons and private and public sector entities who had contributed significantly to the success of National Clean-Up Activity, 2007. The gathering was addressed by Hon. Richard Frederick, Minister of Physical Development, Housing, Urban Renewal and Local Government; Mr. George James, Chairperson, Board of Directors of the SLSWMA and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Physical Development as well as Mrs. Geraldine Lendor-Gabriel, General Manager of the SLSWMA.

Awards were presented in the following categories:

- Outstanding Contribution towards National Clean-Up Activity/Antilitter Schools' March
- Outstanding Participation and Support Schools were recognized in the following categories:
- Most Creative Slogans/Placards during Antilitter March
- Best Organized/Energetic group during Antilitter March

The Authority during the awards ceremony launched the theme for National Cleanup Activity 2008 – ***Gotta Go Green, Keep it Clean, Stop the Littering***. The audience was encouraged to commence plans for the activity to ensure an even greater success in 2008.

St. Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority National Clean-Up Activity Awards 2007

Outstanding Contribution towards NCUA/ALSMA 2007

**Super J Supermarkets, Bank of Nova Scotia,
Daher Broadcasting Service**

Outstanding Participation and Support

La Croix Maingot Community Group	Berthalina Avril
Castries South Labour Party Youth Arm	Lucilla Augustin
Happy Moments Preschool	River Roots Sports Club
Laborie Village Council	Piaye Progressive Youth Group
Black Ambassadors Social & Cultural Club	Choiseul Village Council
Blanchard Combined School	Vieux-Fort Fire Service (Airport Division)
La Pointe Disaster Preparedness Committee	Bordelais Correctional Facility
Bon Nouvelle District of SDA	Carol Valcin
Rosalie Alexander	Gros-Islet District of SDA
Anse Ger Secondary School	Anne King

Canaries/Soufriere/Choiseul/Laborie

Veterans Fathers' Group	Ladera Resort
Canaries Village Council	Soufriere Town Council
Choiseul Fisheries Cooperative	La Maze Mothers' & Fathers' Group
Choiseul Village Council	Cybony Netball Club
Le Riche Development Committee	Laborie Village Council
Mongouge Youth & Sports Committee	Canaries Community Club
Getrine Set it Off Drug Free Club	Country Strikers
Banse Pre School	Ben's Trucking Service
Piaye Progressive Youth Group	Soufriere Fathers' Group
Baron's Drive Youth Organization	River Roots Sports Club
Jalousie Plantation Resort	Soufriere UWP Youth Arm
Banse La Grace Primary School	Canaries Infant School
Canaries Primary School	Soufriere Special Education Centre
Dugard Combined School	Soufriere Fire Service
Delcer R.C. Combined School	Soufriere Infant School
Laborie Boys' Combined School	Laborie Girls' Combined School
Les Etang Combined School	Mongouge Combined School
Piaye Combined School	Saltibus Combined School
River Doree Anglican Combined School	Roblot Combined School
Choiseul Community Development Office	Piaye Secondary School
Banse Disaster Preparedness Committee	Challenger
Choiseul Village Mothers' & Fathers' Group	Soufriere Comprehensive Secondary School
Fond St. Jacques Seventh Day Adventist Church	Soufriere Explorers Tour Guides Association (SETGA)
Soufriere Marine Management Association	Black Ambassadors Social & Cultural Club (BASCO)
Environmental, Conservation & Heritage Organization of Laborie (ECO-LAB)	
Young, Articulate, Talented, Intelligent, Creative, Knowledge, Active (YATICKA)	

Castries Inner/Castries South/Anse La Raye

Arundel Hill Community	Peter & Company
Best Friends Club	Odsan Mothers' & Fathers' Group
Caribelle Community	Marigot Drug Free Club
Renwick & Company	Marigot Bay Business Association
CDC Sports Club	Marigot Development Committee

Barnard Hill Football Club
 Police Academy
 T Valley
 Faux a Chaud Football Club
 Fire Service (Castries)
 Elks Credit Union
 Police Rangers
 Bananes Bay Fishermen
 Hospital Road Community
 Monroe College
 Visionaires (Blind Welfare)
 St. Lucia Red Cross
 Royal Bank of Canada
 Rotoract Club
 L'Abbayee Day Care Centre
 Ciceron Day Care Centre
 Chaupin Community
 Sarot Sports Club
 La Coudoy Community
 Roseau Community
 Anse la Raye Youth Group
 Bexon Catholic Church Group
 St. Mary's College
 Bexon Primary School
 Ciceron Combined School
 Marigot Secondary School
 Odsan Combined School
 Millet Infant School
 Camille Henry Memorial Primary School

MYSECO
 Anse La Raye Youth Group
 National Conservation Authority
 Barre St. Joseph Community
 La Croix Mothers' & Fathers' Group
 Bexon Active Youth Squad
 Sarot SDA Youth Group
 Coolie Town Sports Club
 Ministry of Tourism
 Ciceron Concerned Citizens
 Marigot Day Care Centre
 Cul de Sac Mothers' & Fathers' Group
 Belaire Community
 Anse La Raye Village Council
 Dominators Sports Club
 Tet Chemin Youth Group
 Vanard Community Group
 Morne D'Or Development Committee
 Castries Central Disaster Committee
 Capital Hill/Spice City Community
 Samuel Foundation of Old Victoria Road
 Castries South Labour Party Youth Arm
 Ave Maria Girls' Primary School
 Vide Boutielle Secondary School
 George Charles Secondary School
 La Croix Maingot Combined School
 Anse La Raye Primary School
 Millet Primary School

Castries Outer/Dauphin/Gros-Islet

Sandals Grande
 Gros-Islet Fishermen's Cooperative
 Gros-Islet Fire Service
 Gros-Islet Brownies
 Gros-Islet Town Council
 Gros-Islet Youth Group
 Northern United
 Gros-Islet Youth Football Club
 Knights of Columbus
 Rodney Bay Residents Association
 East Caribbean Condos
 Duke of Edinburgh Awards
 Forestiere Pathfinder Club
 Gros-Islet Community Action Group
 Orchard Park Residents
 Rodney Heights Residents Association
 Monchy Catholic Youth Group
 Garrand Community Group
 Guesneau Development Committee
 Environmental & Sanitation Agency
 Ti Rocher Combined School
 Monchy Combined School
 Boguis Combined School
 Bocage Combined School
 Des Barras Combined School
 Seventh Day Academy
 Riviere Mitant Development Community
 Dame Pearllette Louisy Combined School

Babonneau Pentecostal Church
 La Cou Dou Community
 La Croix Pre School
 Balata Kids Club
 Veterans Football Club
 Gros-Islet SDA Church
 Marisule SDA Church
 Monchy SDA Church
 Bois D'Orange Residents
 St. Lucia Martinique Association
 Boguis Football Team
 Boguis Youth Group
 La Croix Youth Club
 Guesneau Pentecostal Church
 Plateau SDA Church
 Garrand SDA Church
 Plateau Community Group
 Monchy Youth in Action
 Gospel Baptist Youth Ministry
 Babonneau Combined School
 Fond Assau Combined School
 Grande Riviere Combined School
 Morne du Don Combined School
 Gros-Islet Primary School
 Forestiree Combined School
 Leon Hess Comprehensive School
 St. Lucia Agriculture Forum for Youths (SLAFY)
 Sandals Grande St. Lucian Spa & Beach Resort

Dennerly/Micoud/Praslin/Vieux-Fort

Black Bay Residents' Association	Vieux-Fort Police Service
Grace Mothers' & Fathers' Group	Vieux-Fort Fire Service
Vieux-Fort Fire Service (Airport)	Grace SDA Youth Group
Belle Vue Community Group	Bank of Nova Scotia
National Conservation Authority	Lombard Community Group
Magretoute Youth Movement	Praslin Community Group
Mon Repos Youth & Sports Council	Dennerly Fire Service
Born Again Revival Tabernacle	Gadette Improvement Committee
Richfond Mothers' & Fathers Group	Richfond Youth Organization
Mabouya Valley Environmental Club	Unba Cocoa Community Group
Monarch Sports Club	La Caye Daycare
Dennerly Village Council	Bordelais Correctional Facility
Myette Gardens Committee	Micoud Guides & Brownies
Ti Rocher Day Care Centre	Micoud Fire Service
Aux Lyon Combined School	Dennerly Riviere Combined School
La Ressource Combined School	Richfond Combined School
Patience Combined School	Desruisseaux Combined School
Pierrot Combined School	Vieux-Fort Infant School
Vieux-Fort Primary School	Grace Primary School
Ti Rocher Combined School	Dennerly Combined School
Dennerly Infant School	Blanchard Combined School
Augier Combined School	Dennerly Day Care Centre
Grande Riviere Secondary	Belle Vue Combined School
Anse Ger Secondary School	Mon Repos Combined School
Cledon Mason Memorial Secondary School	Grace Disaster Preparedness Committee
La Pointe Disaster Preparedness Committee	
Forestry Department, Peace Corps Volunteers, students & community	

Participation & Support

Ben's Trucking Service	Dependable Cleaning Service
Elie Serieux	Environmental & Sanitation Agency
Shuga Waste Management	Sanitary Upkeeps Ltd.
South Shore Auto Service	St. Lucia Environmental Co. Ltd.
Renwick & Company	Sadoo & Sons Trucking Company
Renee's Construction	St. Lucia Fish Marketing Corporation
Frank B. Armstrong	Royal St. Lucia Police Force
Chase, Skeete & Boland	St. Lucia Mortgage & Finance
Lubeco	Beachcomber
Henix Joseph	Augustus Cadette
Faustinus Faissal	Joel Green
Donalyn Charles	Laverne Walker
Cashama Barnette	Financial Investment & Consultancy Services Ltd. (FICS)

Exemplary Service Rendered

St. Lucia Red Cross Society

Royal St. Lucia Police Force

Participants Anti Litter Schools' March

Castries March

Anglican Infant School	Anse La Raye Infant School
Anglican Primary School	Happy Moments Pre School
Ave Maria Girls' Primary School	Forestierre Combined School
Babonneau Combined School	Happy Tots Pre School
Camille Henry Memorial School	Gros-Islet Secondary School
Dunottar School	Entrepot Secondary School
Bexon Primary School	Bocage Secondary School
Cicéron Secondary School	Des Barras Combined School
Marigot Secondary School	Aux Lyons Combined School
Dame Pearlette Louisy Primary School	
La Croix Maingot Combined School	
Lady Gordon Opportunity Centre	
St. Aloysius R.C. Boys' Infant School	
St. Aloysius R.C. Boys' Primary School	
Castries Comprehensive Secondary School	
Centre for Adolescent Renewal & Education (CARE)	

Vieux-Fort March

Vieux-Fort Infant School	Patience Combined School
Vieux-Fort Primary School	Ti Rocher Combined School
Augier Combined School	Laborie Girls' Primary School
Vige Combined School	Laborie Boys' Primary School
Saltibus Combined School	Micoud Secondary School
Roblot Combined School	Piaye Secondary School
River Doree Anglican Primary School	Mongouge Combined School

Anti Litter Schools' March Awards

Castries March

Most Creative Slogan/Placard

1st Place Infant/Primary: Dame Pearlette Louisy Primary School
1st Place Secondary: Bocage Secondary School

2nd Place Infant/Primary: Anse La Raye Infant School
2nd Place Secondary: Cicéron Secondary School

3rd Place Secondary: Marigot Secondary School

Best Organised/Energetic Group

1st Place Infant/Primary: Dame Pearlette Louisy Primary School
1st Place Secondary: Marigot Secondary School

2nd Place Infant/Primary: Anglican Infant School
2nd Place Secondary: Ciceron Secondary School

3rd Place Infant/Primary: Aux Leon Combined School
3rd Place Secondary: Entrepot Secondary School

Special Prize

Lady Gordon Opportunity Centre
Dunottar School

Vieux-Fort March

Most Creative Slogan/Placard

1st Place Infant/Primary: Roblot Combined School
1st Place Secondary School: Playe Secondary School

2nd Place Infant/Primary: Laborie Boys' Primary School

3rd Place Infant/Primary: Patience Combined School

Best Organized/Energetic Group

1st Place Infant/Primary: Laborie Boys' Primary School
1st Place Secondary: Micoud Secondary School

2nd Place Infant/Primary: Roblot Combined School

3rd Place Infant/Primary: Ti Rocher Combined School

SLSWMA Engages Minibus Associations

The St. Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority continued meetings with minibus associations all in an effort to sensitize them about their rights and responsibilities with respect to waste management.

Meetings were held with six minibus associations. To date meetings have been held with fifteen (15) associations. Discussions focused mainly on the management of waste oil, used lead acid batteries, derelict vehicles, waste management at bus stands, litter originating from minibuses along roads and highways and legislation as it pertains to eating on minibuses.

Minibus operators expressed concern about the existing conditions at bus stands as well as the manner in which their vehicles are littered and vandalized by passengers.

Meetings will continue during the next financial year as ten (10) meetings with minibus associations are still outstanding.

Information Centre

The upgrade of the library into a full-fledged library was completed during the period under review. Mrs. Vanesta Felix, retired documentalist at the Office of the Prime Minister volunteered her services and worked assiduously to ensure completion of the project. The library now facilitates easier access of printed information by staff and the public.

Another initiative undertaken is the electronic cataloging of photographs. This involves the scanning of all existing still photographs and cataloging based on categories. The project is expected to be completed during the next financial year.

Website

The project initiated to upgrade the website was completed and can be viewed at www.sluswma.org. Human resource capacity was also developed in-house to undertake the update of the website.

Waste Oil Education Programme

As part of the ongoing effort to educate all St. Lucians on environmental responsibility the Authority in collaboration with St. Lucia Distillers Ltd./St. Lucia Linen Services Ltd., burners of used oil on the island collaborated in the implementation of an education campaign aimed at improving the management of waste oil by generators on the island.

Generators of waste oil include all businesses that handle used oil through commercial or industrial operations or from the maintenance of vehicles and equipment. Examples of common generators are car repair shops, service stations, quick lube shops, government motor pools, grocery stores, metal working industries, boat marinas, farmers, persons who generate used oil through the maintenance of their personal vehicles and equipment (“do-it-yourselfers” or DIYs).

During normal use, the original characteristics of the oil change thereby rendering them unsuitable for further use for the purpose for which they were originally intended. The remaining used oil poses a threat to our environment as it contains toxic material that is harmful to human health and the environment when irresponsibly discarded.

Activities under the programme included the following:

1. Waste Oil Management Workshops
2. Production and airing of radio and television public service announcements (PSAs)
3. Installation of signage at waste oil collection depots

Two half-day Waste Oil Management Workshops were hosted. The first was held at the CSA Centre in Sans Souci, Castries while the second was held at the National Stadium in Vieux-Fort. The workshops targeted garage operators throughout the island, one of the major generators of waste oil on the island. The

workshops therefore served to sensitize garage operators about proper waste oil management practices and strengthen their capacity to deal with waste oil in a responsible manner. Two radio (English & Patois) and television (English & Patois) PSAs were produced. Airing of PSAs as well as the supply and installation of signage will be undertaken during the next financial year.

Waste Management Workshops

The SLSWMA hosted two waste management workshops for children in the communities of Laborie and Morne du Don, Castries.

The purpose of the workshops was to sensitize and develop awareness with respect to solid waste management among the children. Issues of solid waste management were highlighted in the form of expressive writing, drama, art & craft, as well as a tour of the Deglos Sanitary Landfill. Children also participated in discussions in health education and services provided by the Authority.

It is envisaged that the workshops served to strengthen the capacity of the community to manage solid waste and issues of solid waste thereby improving the quality of life in these communities. Resource persons were drawn from the communities, Ministry of Agriculture, National Insurance Corporation and the Solid Waste Management Authority.

Other Collaborative Efforts

During the period under review, the Authority collaborated with the consultant assigned to undertake the education and public awareness component under the flood mitigation project. The Authority contributed to the production of public education and awareness products and delivered presentations at the various community meetings as poor waste management practices was a contributing factor to flooding. The Authority also collaborated with the Rodent Control Coordination Unit in the delivery of presentations during meetings/workshops and the production and airing of a PSA which highlighted the infestation of rats as a consequence of poor waste management.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION

The fiscal period April 2007 to March 2008, saw the Authority continuing efforts at ensuring that municipal solid waste collection systems and solid waste disposal systems are operated efficiently with little impacts on human and environmental health. The Authority has the responsibility for the collection of municipal solid waste generated from residential properties, public schools and institutions and government offices. With reference to waste disposal, the Authority operates and manages the only two waste management facilities on the island, namely the Deglos Sanitary Landfill in the north of the island and the Vieux Fort Solid Waste Management facility in the south of the island.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

The waste management facilities operated by the Authority accept the following waste categories:

- Residential & Institutional Waste – this is waste generated from residential properties and government institutions and facilities e.g. schools, hospitals, health centres, prisons, offices, etc.
- Commercial waste – waste generated from commercial activities e.g. hotels, restaurants, supermarkets, shops, etc.
- Industrial waste – waste generated from industrial operations e.g. electricity production, factories, manufacturing processes, etc.
- Construction and Demolition waste – waste generated from construction activities and renovation of properties e.g. waste building materials, land clearing, etc.
- Certain hazardous wastes - hazardous waste which can be disposed of without posing a significant risk to human health and the environment e.g. asbestos, fiberglass, certain pharmaceuticals and biomedical waste etc.
- Scrap metal/derelict vehicles – scrap metal and derelict vehicles which are no longer useful to the generator or owner of the waste.
- Quarantine waste – waste generated on ships and aircraft visiting the island.

WASTE QUANTITIES

The island disposed of approximately 84,526 tons of solid waste at both of its facilities, an increase of 2,910 tons or 3.6 per cent over the last period. Of this amount, Deglos Sanitary Landfill disposed of 64,691 tons or 76.5 % of all waste while the Vieux Fort Solid Waste Management Facility disposed of 19,836 tons or 23.5%. The Deglos

Sanitary Landfill recorded an increase of 6,766 tons or 11% over the previous period while VFSWMF recorded a decrease of 337 tons or 1.7 per cent (see table 1).

The number of vehicles discharging waste at the landfills increased by approximately 6% from 51,979 to 55,054. Deglos Sanitary Landfill received 38,250 vehicles, an increase of 3,247 or approximately 9%, while the Vieux Fort Landfill received 16,804 vehicles, a decrease of 172 vehicles.

Table 1

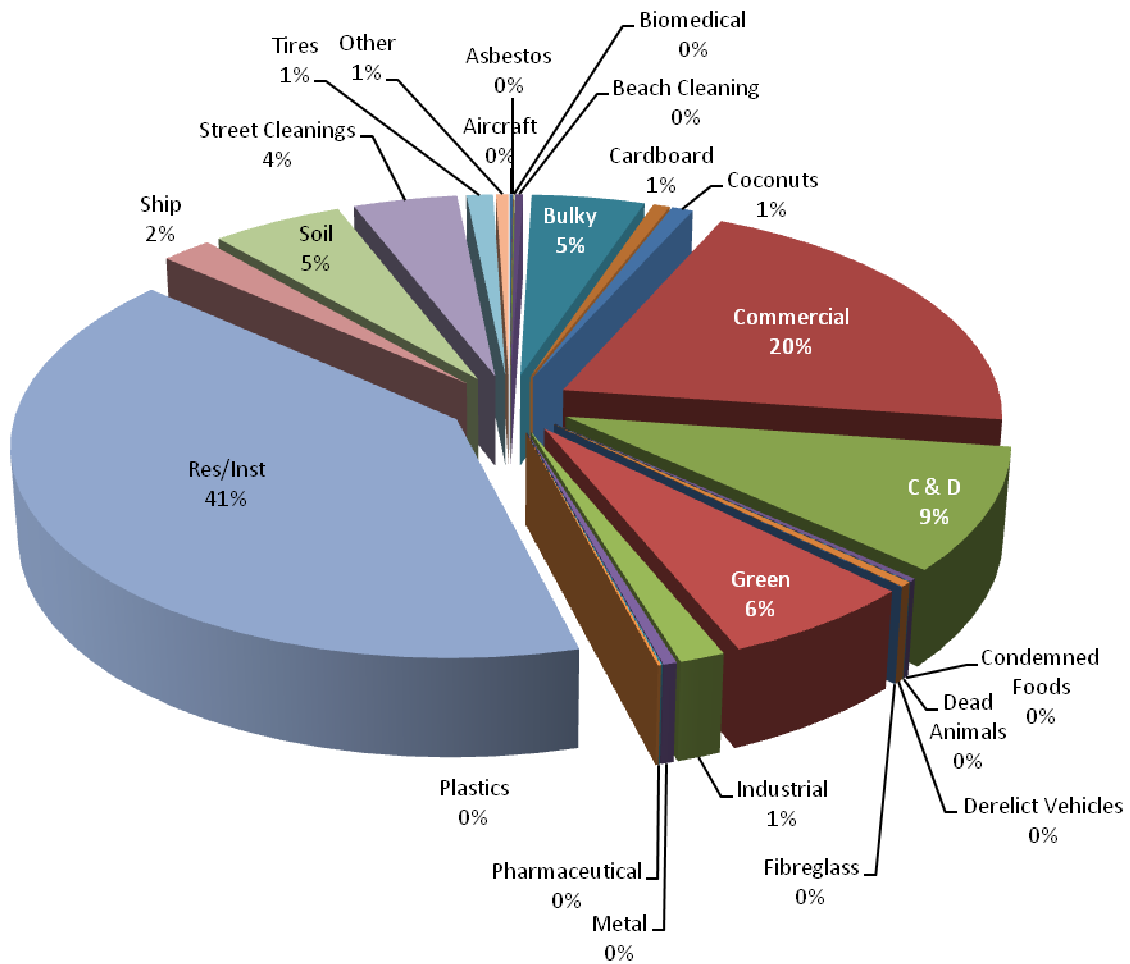
Waste Category	April 07 to Mar 08			April 06 to Mar 07		
	DSL* (tons)	VFSWMF* (tons)	Total (tons)	DSL (tons)	VFSWMF (tons)	Total (tons)
Aircraft	38.2	64.9	103.9	0.3	61.3	61.7
Asbestos	12.6	0	12.6	5.8	9.6	15.4
Biomedical	40.8	0.5	41.3	76.3	0.8	77.1
Beach Cleaning	198.2	73.3	271.5	540.3	10.1	550.4
Bulky	2754.2	1210.2	3964.5	1830.3	904.2	2734.6
Cardboard	539.1	45.9	585	469.7	72.3	541.9
Coconuts	688.76	57.3	746.1	746.2	71.5	817.7
Commercial	15427.6	1889	17316.6	10451.4	1873.7	12325.1
C & D	7274.2	746.4	8020.6	7454.1	804.8	8258.9
Condemned Foods	179.5	23.2	202.7	100.5	4.6	105.1
Dead Animals	9.52	1	10.5	7.8	2.8	10.6
Derelict Vehicles	269.9	48.7	318.6	160.8	55.8	216.6
Fiberglass	10.1	1.9	12	2	0.6	2.6
Green	4936.5	451	5387.5	5270.5	480.4	5750.9
Industrial	77.52	1176.2	1253.7	53.3	847.2	900.4
Metal	269.6	98.6	368.2	261	74.8	335.8
Pharmaceuticals	11	25.4	36.3	9.7	12.3	21.9
Plastics	63.1	18.6	81.7	46.8	16.7	63.5
Residential/Institutional	22962.8	11407.3	34370.1	22304.8	12997.6	35302.4
Ship	1795.8	0.43	1796.3	1289.1	0	1289.1
Soil	3188.5	1413.1	4601.6	2933.6	1495.3	4428.9
Street Cleaning	2799.4	856	3655.4	2557.4	110.2	2667.6
Tires	707.9	223.1	931	1027.3	236.6	1264
Other	435.3	3.5	438.9	324.9	29.6	354.5
Total	64690.8	19835.6	84526.3	57923.9	20172.7	78096.5
Total Vehicle Trips	38250	16804	55054	35003	16976	51979

* DSL- Deglos Sanitary Landfill

VFSWMF – Vieux Fort Solid Waste Management Facility

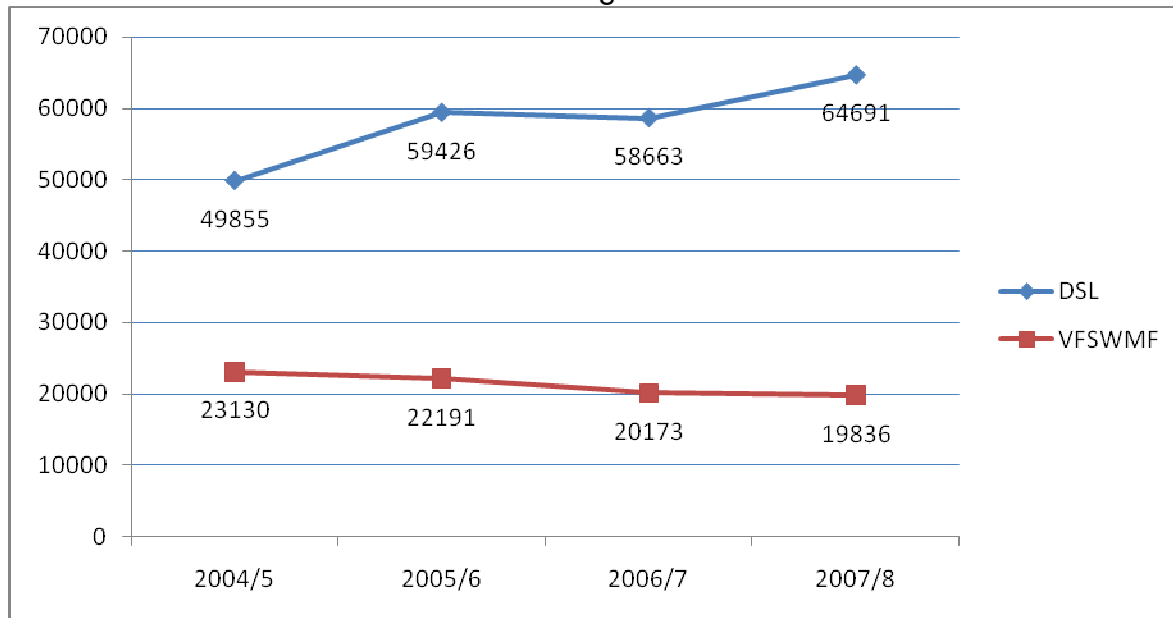
Of the waste disposed of, the residential/institutional category represented 41% (37,370 tons) of all waste disposed followed by commercial waste representing 20% (17,317) and construction and demolition waste with 746 tons or 9 percent (see figure 1). There were no significant changes in the waste disposed of by category, except for a decrease by 5% in the residential/institutional category and a 5% increase in the commercial category.

Figure 1



Over the past four years, waste quantities at the VFSWMF have decrease by approximately 14%. The residential/institutional category accounted for most of that decrease. On the other hand, the Deglos Sanitary Landfill has recorded an increase of approximately 30% over a four year period. Figure 2 shows changes in the disposal of waste at the landfills from 2004 to 2008.

Figure 2



Changes in Waste Disposal (tons) at Landfills in St. Lucia

Table 2 shows the changes in waste disposal of the major waste categories at Deglos Sanitary Landfill from 2004/05 to 2007/08. The biggest percentage increase was in the C&D category which recorded a 155% increase. This increase represented over 1,000 tons of waste. Residential/institutional waste declined by approximately 937 tons or a decrease of about 10 percent.

Table 2

Changes in Waste Disposal for Deglos Sanitary Landfill

Waste Category	Year		Percentage Difference
	2004-2005	2007-2008	
Asbestos	32	13	-59
Beach Cleaning	274	198	-28
Bulky	1714	2754	+66
Cardboard	398	539	+35
Coconuts	671	688	+3
Commercial	10,144	15,428	+52

C & D	2850	7274	+155
Condemned Foods	97	180	+85
Derelict Vehicles	143	270	+25
Green	3369	4937	+46
Industrial	113	73	-30
Metal	356	270	-24
Plastics	7	63	+90
Residential/Institutional	23,800	22,960	-10
Soil	1793	3189	+78
Street Cleaning	2096	2799	+34
Tires	620	708	+14

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

The Authority is responsible for the collection of solid waste generated from private households, government offices, institutions and agencies. This service consists of a collection for regular waste on a frequency established by the Authority and a collection for bulk items on a once monthly basis.

To this end, the island has been subdivided into eleven (11) waste collection zones, each serviced by a private waste collection contractor selected through a competitive tendering process.

Collection contractors are required to procure their own equipment, facilities and staff in order to undertake the service. In addition to the collection of refuse from the above-mentioned entities, the collection contractors are responsible for the removal of derelict vehicles, remediation of indiscriminate dump sites, provision of a monthly bulky waste collection service and public awareness.

During the reporting period, waste transported by collection contractors amounted to approximately 34,370 tons, a decrease of approximately 932 tons or 3% over the previous year's total 35,302 tons. The waste collection zones of Vieux Fort, Gros-Islet and the three Castries Zones accounted for approximately 70% of the total amount of waste collected.

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

The Authority continued its environmental monitoring program aimed at minimizing any adverse impacts from the operations of the waste management facilities on the

environment. Monitoring activities undertaken include sampling and analysis of ground water monitoring wells, surface water, and leachate. In addition, monitoring for landfill gas concentration and migration off-site is undertaken at the closed Ciceron Disposal Site in Castries.

The environmental monitoring program at the Deglos Landfill continues to include monthly monitoring of ground water wells located within and in the vicinity of the site. The stream course upstream and downstream of the leachate discharge pipe and the leachate discharged from the facility is also monitored. At the Vieux Fort Solid Waste Management Facility, the program involves sampling surface water upstream and downstream of the facility. The program instituted at the two waste management facilities continues to indicate that the operation of the facilities have very little negative impacts on the environment.

SHIP GENERATED WASTE

During this period, the Authority disposed of 1789 tons of ship-generated waste, an increase of 594 tons or approximately 50% over the previous period. The waste consisted mainly of dry garbage, incinerator ash, cardboard, ground glass and plastics and was discharged from 197 vessels. Cruise ships are required to notify the Authority on the prescribed form, 48 hours in advance of their intention to discharge waste in the island

In addition, cruise ships have been permitted to land items for recycling/reuse. These items are being received by persons/entities involved in the sale of these items locally and also in re-exporting items which cannot be used locally but have a potential for recycling. Persons receiving these items are authorized by the Authority and their operations continually monitored to ensure adherence to stipulated guidelines.

COMPLAINTS

The number of complaints received by the Authority during the period increased by approximately 28% over the last period from 403 to 515. The majority of the complaints originated from the northern part of the island which has the greater population (Figure 3). The northern part of the island from Gros Islet to Cul De Sac, comprising four waste collection zones accounted for 85% of all complaints received.

As in previous years, the top three (3) complaints received were indiscriminate dumping (23%), non-collection of solid waste (22%) and derelict vehicles (14%). Complaints related to indiscriminate dumping increased by 55% while the non-collection of solid waste category increased by approximately 71%. There were also increases in the request for removal of communal bins and in the incidence of overflowing communal bins.

Decreases were observed in complaints related to derelict vehicles and dumping of waste by CCC and Towns and Village Councils.

Figure 3

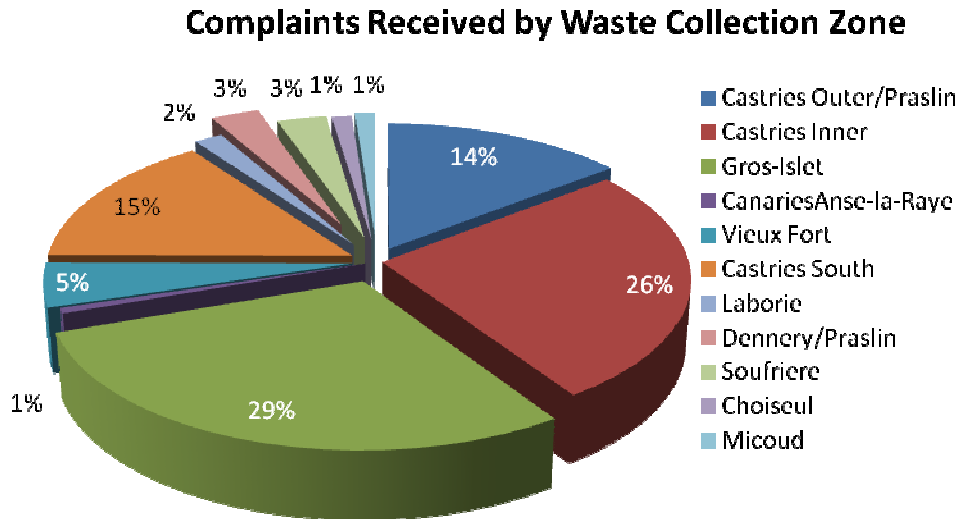
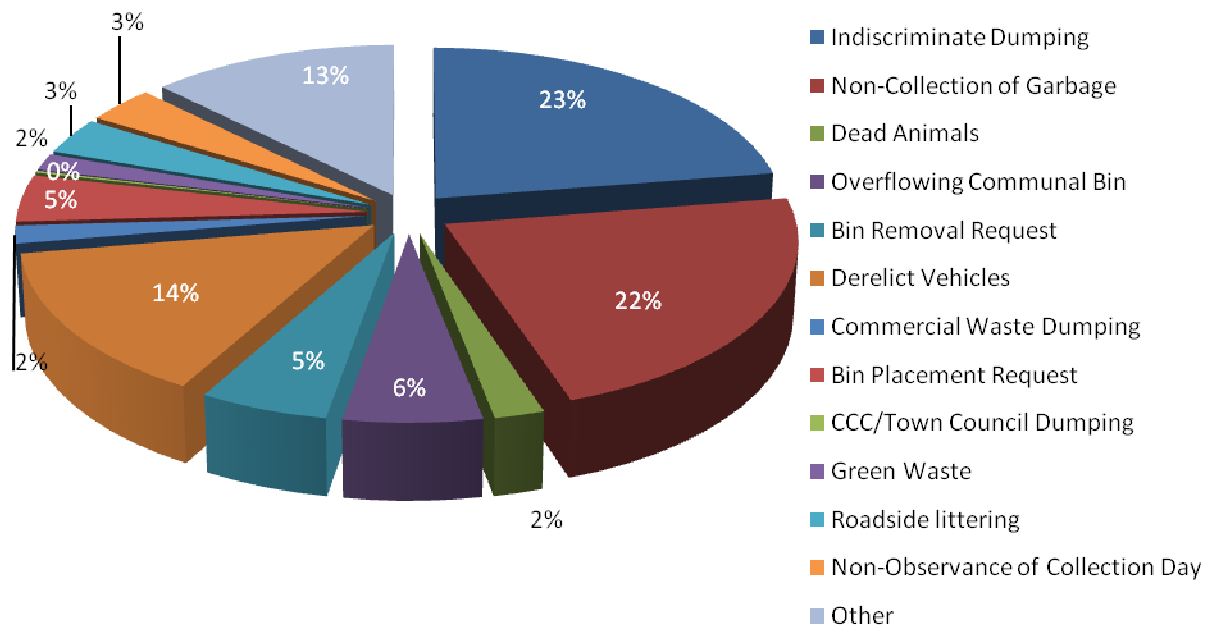


Figure 4

Complaints Received by Category



DERELICT VEHICLES

The Authority's program for the identification and removal of derelict vehicles in public places continued to produce meaningful results.

During the reporting period, a total of 118 new derelict vehicles were identified along public roadways throughout the island representing a decrease of 21 vehicles from the previous period. This number brought the total number of derelict vehicles identified along public roads to two hundred and three. One hundred thirty (130) or 64% of the derelict vehicles were removed, 74 by the owners (down from 77) and 57 by the Authority's waste collection contractors (down from 59). Table 3 presents a breakdown of derelict vehicles by waste collection zone.

Table 3

Waste Collection Zone	No. of New DV Identified	Total No. Existing	No. Removed by Waste Contractor	Total No. Removed	No. Removed by Owners
Castries Inner	22	16	7	22	15
Castries South	20	11	10	19	9
Anse-la-Raye/Canaries	14	6	7	17	10
Gros-Islet	16	7	7	13	6
Dauphin/Castries Outer	18	13	11	22	11

Dennerly/Praslin	6	10	2	6	4
Micoud	2	5	3	4	1
Vieux-Fort	1	6	4	6	2
Soufriere	3	3	2	4	2
Choiseul	10	5	3	8	5
Laborie	6	3	1	9	8
Total	118	85	57	130	73

Derelict Vehicles Identification & Removal – April 2007 to March 2008

BIOMEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Authority continues to ensure that biomedical waste is managed in an environmentally sound manner. Biomedical waste generated on the island is collected, transported and treated through a privatized arrangement. The treatment facility which became operational in 2005 continued operations without any significant operational problems. The service is offered to both government controlled health care facilities and private health facilities

During the year approximately 40,777 kilograms of biomedical waste was collected at approximately 49 locations island-wide, an increase of 23% over the last period. Of this total, 34,100 kg or 84% originated from public health care facilities and 16% or 6,677 kg from private health care institutions. The Government-owned Victoria Hospital generated 26,507 kg or 65% of all biomedical waste treated, an increase of 5,164 kg or 24%. The government-owned, St. Jude's Hospital generated approximately 14.7% and the private institution, Tapion Hospital generated 1 percent.

The Authority continued to undertake training of health care facility personnel in biomedical waste management in addition to conducting audits to ensure proper management of health care waste.

WASTE REUSE, REDUCTION & RECYCLING

The Authority continued efforts at encouraging reuse, reduction, and recycling in the island. To this end approximately 100 tons of scrap metal was recovered at the landfills for export. In addition, to the scrap metal approximately 58 tons of materials have been recovered from the landfills. These include used lead acid batteries, pallets, bottles, used tires, scrap wires/cables and animal feed.

During the year, the island has seen the export of a tremendous amount of scrap metal recovered from private property. This augers well not only in reducing the amount of waste which may end up at the landfills or which provides harbourage for disease vectors but also provides a tremendous source of foreign exchange for the country.

In addition to recovery of scrap metal, there are a number of entities involved in exporting various waste streams. These include used lead acid batteries, paper and cardboard products, PET and HDPE bottles. A Returnable Containers Bill which has been eagerly awaited did not materialize. It is hoped that during the next year the Bill will become a reality so that not only will it assist in reducing littering associated with plastic bottles but will also add another element to the recycling sector.

Used Oil

Efforts continued at ensuring that used oil is managed in an environmentally sound manner. To this end, the deployment of waste oil storage containers continued at strategically located properties throughout the island. There has been an increased demand for these containers and the Authority has begun the process of seeking funds to obtain additional containers.

The public information and awareness program which was anticipated to kick off during the year did not get off the ground due to lack of financial resources. It is anticipated that this program will be implemented in the coming financial year as some financial resources have been earmarked for implementation of the program.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

OVERVIEW

Over the last two fiscal periods (2006/7 and 2007/8), the St. Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority's operating performance as reflected in the Statement of Income (see attached) has been influenced negatively by expenses relating to the workings of the Dispute Adjudication Board (DAB) located in London, England (DAB is responsible for adjudication on the Deglos Landfill construction dispute). For the period under review, the financial requirements associated with this obligation was compounded by a significant reduction in government funding and resulted in an operating deficit of \$1,344,225. This unfavorable position could have been worse, were it not for a better than expected performance from Environmental Levy revenue. The \$1,344,225 deficit for 2007/08 represents an increase of \$731,929, or a 120 percent increase on last year's deficit of \$612,296.

As a result of the Dispute Adjudication Board deliberations, the Deglos landfill construction contractor, Canadian Commercial Corporation, felt that \$5,141,435 should be forwarded to the Authority to among other things, meet the completion cost of the project. This amount is reflected in the Authority's Balance Sheet, part of which is shown as Short-term investment. The result is that there is a significant increase in Current Assets and Current Liabilities as compared to the prior year position. The value of assets on hand at March 31, 2008 is \$16,627,614, which represents an increase of 8% over the previous year's total of \$15,394,397. Following two years of significant operating deficits, the Authority's Fund Balance which reflects the cumulative position of operational deficits and surpluses over the life of the Authority, showed a balance of \$1,767,777.

The World Bank funded, Ciceron Landfill Closure Project, which ended back in 2003, is now fully amortized. This development has among other things, reduced the Amortization of Deferred Funding Assistance component of Total Income by \$499,035 (see notes 7 and 10 of Financial Statements). With respect to the Vieux-Fort Landfill Project, also funded by the World Bank, the amortization process will continue for another five years, at the rate of \$252,933 per year.

Total income for the period under review stands at \$9,934,464, which is down from the previous year's total of \$11,437,140. Of that amount, \$7,479,243 represents the combined performance for Government Subvention and Environmental Levy, our principal sources of direct cash inflows. The corresponding amount for the previous year is \$8,117,476. This is a reduction of \$638,233 or 8%.

Although significantly weaker than the two previous years, the short-term financial strength of the Authority as reflected in the Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities) continues to be positive. For 2007/08, that ratio was 1.11:1 as compared to 2.27:1 in 2006/07. In 2004/05, that ratio was 3.31:1.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES – Revenue

SUBVENTION

The projected budgetary deficit for the fiscal period, which is normally financed by Central Government, was not fully financed in 2007/8. Down from the previous year's total of \$5,117,854, the \$3,537,764 amount received was the lowest level of direct funding since 1997/98. This is a \$1,580,090 reduction or 31%. Because of the present arrangements for the sustainability of the Authority, this was an unusual situation which has been addressed. As it stands presently, and for the foreseeable future, Government's support to the Authority by way of a Subvention will continue to be the principal source of funding for the Authority to be able to execute its responsibilities.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY

Aside from an annual subvention from the Government of St. Lucia, the Environment Levy applied to visitors to St. Lucia is the only other major revenue pillar on which the Authority stands. Unlike the significant contraction in the level of subvention for the year, the Authority experienced a significant increase in inflows from this source during the same period. The amount recorded was \$3,941,478, or 31% above the previous year's total of \$2,999,623. This situation is as a direct result of a 52% increase (\$1,738,880 to \$2,642,933) in the marine visitor component of environmental level receipts. With respect to the stay-over component, there was a marginal increase of 3% as the amount went from \$1,260,743 to \$1,298,546. The overall total (\$3,941,478) represents the highest amount the Authority has received to date in one financial year, with the next best performance being \$3,219,760 back in 2004/05.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES – Expenditure

WASTE COLLECTION EXPENSES

At the end of 2007/08, the Authority through its waste collection contractors transported a total of 34,370 tons of household and institutional waste to the two waste disposal sites on the island. The financial demand for rendering this service for the period was \$4,541,254. Added to this, the Authority also provides a bio-medical waste collection service to all of the healthcare institutions on the island at a cost of \$144,080. On this activity there is a partial cost recovery of \$22,200.

This area of the operations continues to attract the largest part of the Authority's financial resources. In fact 56% of the expenditure estimates for 2007/08 went to waste collection. In recent times and in particular the latter part of 2007/08, the significant

increase in fuel prices has adversely affected the contractors' operating cost. As a consequence, this and other concerns raised by the contractors have received the attention of the Authority. In this regard, the coming financial year 2008/09 will see a revision upwards in waste collections expenses incurred by the Authority in response to the legitimate concerns.

LANDFILL EXPENSES

In the 2006/07 Financial Report, the Authority indicated that the reduction in day-to-day expenses which was realized when compared to the prior year would be greater in the subsequent year 2007/08. This was anticipated because of the fact that there would be little or no need for hired equipment on both sites and the resulting reduction in cost. At the end of 2007/08, the reduction in day-to-day expenses was a substantial \$300,844. The figures are \$1,457,463 for 2007/08 and \$1,758,307 for 2006/07. As has been indicated previously, this achievement is as a direct result of the decision to own and operate all of our heavy equipment requirements for the two sites.

The decision to procure an Excavator in particular has been of great benefit to the Authority, in that, apart from performing the role of excavating cover material, it has been called upon to perform a number of other landfill related functions. This has prevented the need to hire equipment in spite of an increase in the incidence of breakdown of the older equipment on site; a matter which has to be given some attention in the not too distant future.

The Authority continues to be saddled with the burden of meeting cost associated with the operations of the Dispute Adjudication Board for the Deglos Landfill Construction Project. This is the third year since the Board was activated and the cost is substantial. For the 2007/08 period, the Authority incurred \$1,837,721 in cost, an increase of \$198,305 over the previous year's total. This amount represents \$380,258 more than what was spent to operate the two disposal sites for the year.

ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED EXPENSES

For some time now, the Authority has been experiencing a relatively flat level of spending as it relates to its Administration and Related Expenses. At the conclusion of the 2007/08 fiscal period, the experience was the same. A total of \$1,189,050 was spent on line items such as Salaries and Staff Benefits, Public Relations, Utilities, Office Rent, Office Expenses, Training, etc. As far back as 2003/04, the comparative figure was \$1,112,128. It should be also noted that at the end of 2006/07, the amount spent was \$1,152,068.

The financial statements for the period April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 are appended.