The Economic Impact of Rumpke on the Hamilton County Economy

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Executive Summary

- Rumpke is one of the nation's largest waste and recycling companies and is an important contributor to the Hamilton County economy. We have found that Rumpke has an on-going economic impact from annual operations totaling $219 million on the Hamilton County economy. In addition to this, capital expenditures planned for Rumpke's 1999 fiscal year will create a one-time impact of $13 million on the Hamilton County economy.

- The on-going economic impact of Rumpke is determined by its annual operating expenditures. Rumpke's planned operation expenditures for the 1999 fiscal year total $116 million. Of this, $52 million is for wage and benefit payments to Rumpke employees. Rumpke's Hamilton County operations employ a total of 1,154 people.

- Rumpke's operations generate a $194 million economic impact on Hamilton County business sales and a $25 million impact on Hamilton County household earnings. Sanitary services, transportation, and business services are the industries in Hamilton County that benefit the most from Rumpke's economic activity.

- In addition to their operating expenditures, Rumpke will spend $6.8 million in capital expenditures during their 1999 fiscal year. Rumpke's capital expenditures will generate a one-time increase in Hamilton County business sales that totals $10 million and a one-time increase in Hamilton County household earnings that totals $3 million.

- Rumpke generates and sustains employment in Hamilton County through its annual operations and construction activities. Rumpke's operations generate an employment impact totaling 1,582 full- and part-time jobs in Hamilton County. Rumpke's construction activities planned for 1999 will generate a one-time impact of 101 Hamilton County jobs.

- Rumpke directly and indirectly contributes $493,874 in tax revenue to Hamilton County. Rumpke directly contributes $364,120 in tax revenue to Colerain Township.

- We have found that Rumpke contributes approximately three percent to Colerain Township's total tax revenue in the form of host fees and real and personal property tax payments. From 1996 to 1998, Colerain Township's tax revenue stemming from Rumpke operations increased 29 percent (from $346,000 to $448,000). This does not include Rumpke tax revenue collected by Hamilton County (such as sales taxes) that

filter back into Colerain Township or property taxes paid by Rumpke employees living in Colerain Township. Therefore, Colerain Township receives indirect economic benefits from Rumpke's presence, as well as taxes and fees collected directly.

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