



# Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Jonathan P. Steverson, Secretary

From: Candie M. Fuller, Inspector General

Subject: Audit Follow – up

Date: January 10, 2017

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In accordance with Section 20.055 (6) (h), Florida Statutes, a report of the most recent audit relating to Department of Environmental Protection, issued by the Florida Auditor General is attached. The report includes a summary of the audit findings, recommendations, and agency responses, with corrective actions. Please let know if you would like additional information regarding this follow-up report.

Attachment

Cc: Joint Legislative Auditing Committee

**FOLLOW-UP OF AUDIT REPORTS ISSUED BY THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

AUDITING ENTITY	REPORT NUMBER	PERIOD COVERED	SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	SUMMARY OF CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN
Auditor General	2017-001	July 2013 through February 2015	<p><b>Finding No. 1:</b> The Department's records did not always evidence that Coastal Construction Control Line permitting requirements had been met prior to issuing permits or that permit processing activities had been subject to appropriate supervisory review and approval.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> The Department management should take steps to ensure that, prior to issuing permits, Department records evidence that all CCCL permitting requirements are satisfied and the permit applications were subject to appropriate supervisory review and approval.</p>	<p>The Department has revised the <i>CCCL Permit Application Routing Form</i> to include a section for staff to document any permitting requirements (i.e., application information specified by rule) that are waived and an explanation as to the reason for waiving the requirement.</p> <p>The Department is updating the <i>Coastal Construction Control Line Procedures Manual for Permit Managers</i> to reflect the current organizational structure and electronic permitting process. Final updates to the manual are expected to be complete by the end of FY 2016-17.</p>
			<p><b>Finding No. 2:</b> Certain security controls related to user authentication for the Beaches and Coastal Management System and the Permitting Application system need improvement to better protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Department data and information technology resources.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> The Department management should strengthen certain security controls related to BCMS and PA system user authentication to ensure the continued confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Department data and related IT resources.</p>	<p>DEP has taken steps to strengthen its user authentication security controls related to the BCMS and PA system.</p>