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Melinda M. Miguel  
Chief Inspector General  
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Dear Chief Inspector General Miguel:

In accordance with Section 20.055 (6) (h), Florida Statutes, the enclosed document represents the six-month status of the finding and recommendation included in the Auditor General's Report No. 2020-170, *State of Florida Compliance And Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting And Federal Awards*, dated March 2020.

Please let me know if you would like additional information regarding management's response.

Sincerely,

Candie M. Fuller  
Inspector General

Enclosure

cc: Joint Legislative Auditing Committee

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

AUDITING ENTITY	REPORT NUMBER	PERIOD COVERED	SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	SUMMARY OF CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN
Auditor General	2020-170	Fiscal Year End June 30, 2019	<p><b>Finding:</b> The FDEP did not appropriately verify the suspension and debarment status of all subrecipients receiving Drinking Water State Revolving Funds.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> We recommend that FDEP management revise the standard application for public subrecipients to include a certification requiring the subrecipient to comply with the suspension and debarment requirements specified in Federal regulations.</p>	<p>Upon receiving this finding, the State Revolving Fund Program implemented a procedure to verify all applicants in SAM.gov during loan application review. The Program has requested permission to initiate rulemaking to update the standard State Revolving Fund loan application so that it includes a certification from the subrecipient regarding compliance with Federal regulations for suspension and debarment. This rulemaking and FDEP's rulemaking plan have not yet been approved or finalized.</p>