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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Auditor General follows up on status of recommendations**

VICTORIA – Auditor General John Doyle has released his annual fall follow-up report, which includes updates on 13 pieces of work and a cumulative update on the implementation of all recommendations covered by the Office's follow-up reports since April 2009.

Of the 273 recommendations included in the cumulative update, 74 per cent have been addressed. Sixty-four per cent have been fully or substantially implemented and 10 per cent were addressed through alternative action by the respective agency.

"Follow-ups are a necessary process for ensuring that recommendations are addressed and that British Columbians receive full value from my Office's work," said Doyle. "With 74 per cent of 273 recommendations addressed, follow-up reports demonstrate the positive results that can and will continue to be achieved through the audit and review processes."

On behalf of the Legislature's Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts (PAC), the Office of the Auditor General follows up with agencies in varying formats, including action plans, agency self-assessments, progress assessments and progress audits.

This latest follow-up report includes 11 self-assessments. Early this summer, audited organizations were sent a self-assessment form in which they were asked to describe the progress they had made in implementing the recommendations and their plans going forward. These submissions have been published unedited and in their entirety so that readers can assess for themselves whether progress is satisfactory.

Of the 62 recommendations addressed in the self-assessments, 23 per cent are fully or substantially implemented or have been addressed through alternative action, 61 per cent are partially implemented and 16 per cent have yet to be substantially addressed.

"I appreciate that some recommendations require a longer period to address," said Doyle, "but I expect that by the spring 2012 follow-up report, the majority of these recommendations will have been fully or substantially implemented. As always, I will continue to follow up on recommendations that are only partially implemented, or where no substantial action has been taken."



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### **About the Office of the Auditor General**

The Auditor General is a non-partisan, independent Officer of the Legislature who reports directly to the Legislative Assembly. The *Auditor General Act* empowers the Auditor General and staff (known as the Office of the Auditor General or OAG) to conduct audits, report findings and make recommendations. Please visit [www.bcauditor.com/follow-up-process](http://www.bcauditor.com/follow-up-process) for more information on the follow-up process.

### **Reports followed up on in this report**

*Planning for School Seismic Safety* (released December 2008)

*Electronic Health Record Implementation in British Columbia* (released February 2010)

*Wireless Networking Security in Government: Phase 2* (released March 2010)

*IT Continuity Planning in Government* (released April 2010)

*Aspects of Financial Management* (released August 2010)

- Management of Working Capital by Colleges and School Districts
- Managing Fraud Risks in Government
- Infrastructure Grants
- Year-End Government Transfer Expenditures

*Conservation of Ecological Integrity in B.C. Parks and Protected Areas* (released August 2010)

*Audit of the Agricultural Land Commission* (released September 2010)

*Upkeep of the Provincial Roads Network by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure* (released November 2010)

*Summary Report* (released December 2010)

- School District 35 – Langley
- Hand Hygiene: Self-Assessment

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### ***2011/12 Report 7 – Follow-up Report: updates on the implementation of recommendations from recent reports***

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Please contact the respective ministries for further information or comment regarding their self-assessments. As our Office has not conducted assurance work on their self-assessments, we will not be able to comment on them.