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AUDITOR GENERAL RELEASES LATEST FOLLOW-UP REPORT

VICTORIA – Auditor General John Doyle has released his annual spring follow-up report, with new self-reported updates on progress by auditees on 11 pieces of work. These self-assessment forms, published unedited and in their entirety, detail progress and plans on implementing 55 of the Auditor General's recommendations.

"While I'm pleased to note that well over a third of the recommendations in this follow-up are reported as being addressed, that leaves more than half where significant work is still required," said Doyle. "A number of these relate to known IT risks, and I will expect these to be fully or substantially implemented in time for my fall follow-up report."

"Furthermore, I am not satisfied with government's resistance to, and lack of action on, the two recommendations I made in my report on BC Hydro's use of rate-regulated accounting. As always, I will continue to follow up on recommendations that are only partially implemented, or where no substantial action has been taken."

The report also contains a cumulative update of the 284 recommendations followed-up on since October 2009. Of these, 72% have been addressed: 61% have been fully or substantially implemented and 11% 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 72% of 284 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, the Office of the Auditor General follows up with audited agencies in varying formats, including action plans, agency self-assessments, progress assessments and progress audits.

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 for more information on the follow-up process.



REPORTS FOLLOWED UP ON IN THIS REPORT

An Audit of the Management of Groundwater Resources in British Columbia (released December 2010)

Information Security Management: An Audit of How Well Government is Identifying and Assessing Its Risks (released December 2010)

BC Hydro: The Effects of Rate-Regulated Accounting (released October 2011)

Wireless Networking Security in Government: Phase 3 (released December 2011)

Homelessness: Clear Focus Needed (released March 2009)

Oil and Gas Site Contamination Risks: Improved Oversight Needed (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
- Year-End Government Transfer Expenditures

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2011/12 Report 12 – 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.