

Provincial Update on the Auditor General Recommendations
 Department of Environment
 November 2011

Nova Scotia Environment appreciates the work of the Auditor General in ensuring that there is accountability within government. The department is committed to implementing the Auditor General recommendations and has made significant progress in the work needed to implement the recommendations on managing contaminated sites.

Recommendations assigned to Department of Environment:

| Department of Environment | Complete | Work In Progress | Action no Longer Required | Do not Intend to Implement | Total Recommendations |
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| June 2010 | | | | | |
| Chapter 3: Environment: Management of Contaminated Sites | 6 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 17 |
| Total | 6 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 17 |
| Percentage | 35% | 53% | 6% | 6% | 100% |

Recommendations in Detail:

| Month & Year | Chapter | Recommendation | Status | Brief summary of actions taken |
|--------------|---------|----------------|------------------|---|
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.1 | Work in Progress | Consultation has been conducted on a comprehensive contaminated sites framework, including proposed Contaminated Sites Regulations. |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.2 | Work in Progress | If there is a specific site or class of properties which may require additional coordinated government resources to ensure a positive outcome, the Department takes proactive measures to inform Executive Council. |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.3 | Complete | The Activities Tracking System enables inspectors to track the status of files and a Divisional Operating Procedure was developed and approved which establishes timeframes. |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.4 | Work in Progress | The Activities Tracking System enables inspectors and managers to track the review of site professional reports and monthly reports are given to District Managers of |

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| | | | | existing open files. |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.5 | Work in Progress | Consultation has been conducted on a comprehensive contaminated sites framework, including proposed Contaminated Sites Regulations |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.6 | Do not Intend to Implement | There are no approvals or regulations that apply during the clean up activities and site visits prior to receipt of the site professional's reports will not provide any indication if the clean-up will meet the standard. |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.7 | Work in Progress | Staff have met with identified professional associations as part of the consultations on the proposed Contaminated Sites Framework and associated regulations. |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.8 | Work in Progress | Standardized processes and forms are being developed to support the proposed Contaminated Sites Regulations. |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.9 | Complete | Divisional Operating Procedures on Compliance Promotion and Enforcement were developed. In addition, the Activities Tracking System sends email alerts to the Compliance and Inspection Coordinator when deficiencies or enforcement activities are entered. |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.10 | Complete | Developed and approved a Divisional Operating Procedure on File Management which includes a Quality Assurance Review component. |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.11 | Complete | Developed and approved a Divisional Operating Procedure on File Management which includes a Quality Assurance Review |

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| | | | | component. |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.12 | Work in Progress | Developed and approved Divisional Operating Procedures for the Activities Tracking System (ATS), made enhancements to ATS, and conducted an internal audit. |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.13 | Action no Longer Required | Department is currently revising the contaminated sites program. |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.14 | Complete | Developed and implemented the Development and Accountability Model and associated training programs. |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.15 | Complete | Developed and implemented the Development and Accountability Model and associated training programs. |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.16 | Work in Progress | Consultation has been conducted on a comprehensive contaminated sites framework, including proposed Contaminated Sites Regulations |
| June 2010 | 3 | 3.17 | Work in Progress | Information technology elements required to integrate the proposed Contaminated Sites Regulations into the regular functions of the Department are being assessed. |