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Melinda M. Miguel
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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 findings and recommendations included in the Auditor General's Report No. 2020-026, ***Department of Environmental Protection – Selected Information Technology Systems – Operational Audit***, dated September 12, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Candie M. Fuller".

Candie M. Fuller
Inspector General

Enclosure

cc: Joint Legislative Auditing Committee

| FOLLOW-UP OF AUDIT REPORTS ISSUED BY THE AUDITOR GENERAL OR OPPAGA | | | | |
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| AUDITING ENTITY | REPORT NUMBER | PERIOD COVERED | SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS | SUMMARY OF CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN |
| Auditor General | 2020-026 | January 2018 through June 2019 | <p>Finding No. 1: The Department did not always timely deactivate access privileges to Department information technology (IT) systems upon an employee's separation from Department employment.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Department should ensure that user access privileges are deactivated immediately upon an employee's separation from Department employment.</p> | <p>The Department has worked with staff to ensure all are aware of the proper procedures to follow in order to ensure user access is deactivated timely when employees separate from the Department.</p> |
| | | | <p>Finding No. 2: Some Department IT system security administrators were not subject to required background screenings.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Department should ensure that all employees in positions of trust undergo a level 2 background screening in accordance with State law.</p> | <p>The Department identified three additional employees in the Compliance Section who require Level 2 background screenings and has initiated the screening process for those additional employees.</p> |