



### Chapter 2: Previous Audits Related to the Environment

#### Key Message:

Government oversight and accountability is required to ensure timely completion of previous OAG recommendations accepted by Departments

#### Previous Audits at the Department of Environment

- Completed three audits at Environment over last ten years
- Our last follow-up showed 20 of the 43 recommendations were not completed
- We completed an audit in 2010 of Contaminated Sites
- 11 of 17 recommendations were not complete at our 2014 follow up
- We completed an audit in 2014 of Public Drinking Water Safety
- 8 of 19 recommendations were not complete in February 2017
- We will complete our final follow-up review of the Water audit in early 2018

#### Previous Audits Impacting or Affected by the Environment

- We completed various audits that have a potential impact on, or could be affected by, the environment
- Aquaculture, Species at Risk, and Critical Infrastructure audits have secondary roles related to Environment
- Each will be followed up, either in 2018 or 2019
- Two other audited programs would be impacted by significant weather events
- These are Disaster Preparedness and Business Continuity Management

#### 5 Questions Nova Scotians may want to ask:

1. What happened to the not complete OAG recommendations since the last OAG follow up?
2. Why weren't those recommendations completed prior to the OAG's follow up?
3. Who is monitoring previous OAG recommendations in Government and what process and public reporting occurs?
4. Who is responsible to implement the commitments made by Government in response to the accepted OAG recommendations?
5. When will Government fully implement all new recommendations in this and other reports?