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The Honorable Laura Knaperek, Chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

The Honorable Robert Blendu, Vice Chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Dear Representative Knaperek and Senator Blendu:

Our Office has recently completed a 24-month followup of the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs regarding the implementation status of the 10 audit recommendations (including sub-parts of the recommendations) presented in the performance audit report released in June 2004 (Auditor General Report No. 04-04). As the attached grid indicates:

- 6 have been implemented;
- 2 are in the process of being implemented; and
- 2 are no longer applicable.

Unless otherwise directed by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, this report concludes our follow-up work on the Department's efforts to implement the recommendations resulting from our June 2004 performance audit report.

Sincerely,

Debbie Davenport
Auditor General

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Attachment

cc: Major General David P. Rataczak, Director
Department of Emergency and Military Affairs

**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
STATE EMERGENCY COUNCIL
24-Month Follow-Up Report To
Auditor General Report No. 04-04**

FINDING 1: Division effectively performs its emergency management responsibilities

Recommendation	Status of Implementing Recommendation	Explanation for Recommendations That Have Not Been Implemented
<p>1. To ensure it takes advantage of every opportunity to learn from its disaster response and to comply with two Executive Orders and the State Emergency Response and Recovery Plan, the Division of Emergency Management should develop an after-action report every time it coordinates emergency response activities. If the Division chooses not to produce a report, it should document the reasons.</p>	<p>Implemented at 6 Months</p>	
<p>2. To ensure all problems identified through the after-action report process are corrected, the Division of Emergency Management should include detailed recommendations in its post-disaster after-action reports.</p>	<p>Implemented at 24 Months</p>	

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SUNSET FACTOR #4

Recommendation	Status of Implementing Recommendation	Explanation for Recommendations That Have Not Been Implemented
<p>The Department should establish rules to carry out the following statutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.R.S. §26-102(c) • A.R.S. §26-165(B) • A.R.S. §26-181 • A.R.S. §26-343 	<p>Implementation in Process</p> <p>No Longer Applicable¹</p> <p>No Longer Applicable¹</p> <p>Implementation in Process</p>	

¹ After further discussion with the Administrator of the Governor's Regulatory Review Council, it was determined that A.R.S. §26-165, concerning National Guard members' years of service awards, and A.R.S. §26-181, concerning tuition reimbursement for National Guard members, are focused on individuals within the Department, not the general public, and should be governed by internal policies, not external administrative rules. Therefore, these two recommendations are no longer applicable.

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SUNSET FACTOR #9

Recommendation	Status of Implementing Recommendation	Explanation for Recommendations That Have Not Been Implemented
The Legislature should consider reviewing A.R.S. §26-305(D) to determine if this statute is still appropriate. This statute requires that the Department's Director of Emergency Management "shall devote full time to the office and shall hold no other office."	Implemented at 12 Months	