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The Honorable Thayer Verschoor, Chair  
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

The Honorable Judy Burges, Vice Chair  
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Dear Senator Verschoor and Representative Burges:

In 2007 and 2008, our Office completed followups for two of our Department of Revenue audit reports. The first followup was an October 1, 2007, 18-month follow-up report for the Business Reengineering/Integrated Tax System (BRITS) performance audit report originally released in October 2005 (Auditor General Report No. 05-15). The second followup was a January 11, 2008, 24-month follow-up report for the Audit Division performance audit, originally released in August 2005 (Auditor General Report No. 05-06.)

When we issued these two follow-up reports, our Office recommended completing one more followup for each of these two audits after the BRITS project implementation was completed. It has been over 4 years since our original audits were published, and the BRITS project is still not fully completed. We have determined that the value of an additional followup for these two performance audits is limited, and may not be the best use to our Office's resources. Our Office has a team of financial and information technology auditors regularly working at the Department of Revenue, evaluating transaction activity on the BRITS system each year. In addition, the BRITS project is still being overseen by the Government Information Technology Agency. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, this concludes our follow-up work on the Department of Revenue's efforts to implement the recommendations from the August and October 2005 performance audit reports.

Sincerely,

Melanie M. Chesney, Director  
Performance Audit Division

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cc: Gale Garriott, Director  
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