



KING COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

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Follow Up on Georgetown Combined Sewer Overflow Project Capital Projects Oversight Recommendation

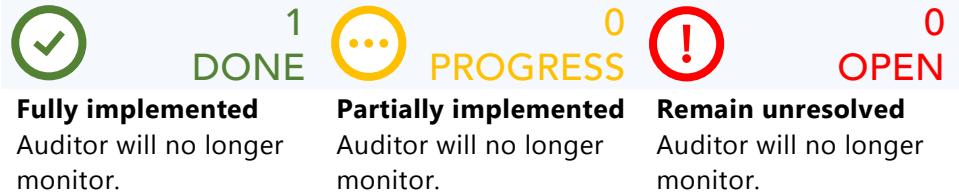
TO:

Metropolitan
King County
Councilmembers

The Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) has completed implementation of the one recommendation from the Capital Projects Oversight report issued January 17, 2017. This has resulted in improved clarity and transparency on costs associated with newly identified project risks.

FROM:

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County Auditor



Please see next page for details on the implementation status of this recommendation.



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Recommendation 1

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The Wastewater Treatment Division should update its risk based analysis of the adequacy of contingency to include 'Buy American Steel,' Seattle Department of Transportation improvements, and other recently identified cost risks.

STATUS UPDATE: In cost estimates for four construction contracts at the 90 percent design level and in WTD's project risk register, we found that WTD addressed the elements of this recommendation.¹ For example, WTD included \$1.3 million in American steel/iron costs and \$300,000 for Seattle Department of Restoration requirements in its 90 percent design cost estimate for the project. This has improved clarity and transparency on costs associated with these risks.

Brooke Leary, Senior Principal Management Auditor, conducted this review. Please contact Brooke at 206-477-1044 if you have any questions about the issues discussed in this letter.

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¹These were the demolition and site preparation, wastewater treatment station, conveyance, and outfall contracts.