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Dick Pedersen, Director  
Department of Environmental Quality  
811 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Pedersen:

We have completed audit work of selected financial accounts at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (department) for the year ended June 30, 2011.

This audit work was not a comprehensive audit of the department. We performed this audit work as part of our annual statewide financial audit. The objective of the statewide audit was to express an opinion on whether the financial statements contained in the State of Oregon's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report were fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In planning and performing our audit of the selected financial accounts at the department as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the department's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements of the State of Oregon, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the department's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the department's internal control.

We audited the following accounts at the department and determined their fair presentation in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in relation to the statewide financial statements.

<u>SFMA Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Audit Amount</u>
<u>GAAP Fund 1107 – Environmental Management Fund</u>		
0065	Unreconciled Deposit	\$ 205,582
0070	Cash on Deposit with Treasurer	170,108,036
0931	Loans Receivable	433,009,370
0936	Allowance for Uncollectible-NC-Loan Receivable	18,739,593
0212	Other Business Licenses and Fees	25,913,924

<u>SFMA Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Audit Amount</u>
0228	Other Nonbusiness Licenses and Fees	\$13,278,280
0300	Federal Revenue	15,524,316
0355	Federal Revenue as Other Funds	42,226,880
3111	Regular Employees	33,468,310
3210	Public Employees Retirement Contribution	2,934,880
3212	Pension Bond Assessment	1,981,736
3221	Social Security Taxes	2,590,128
3263	Medical, Dental, Life Insurance	8,197,154

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, others within the organization, and the Environmental Quality Commission and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties.

We appreciate your staff's assistance and cooperation during this audit. Should you have any questions, please contact Alan Bell or me at (503) 986-2255.

Sincerely,  
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