

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

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The Honorable Thomas P. DiNapoli  
Comptroller  
Office of the State Comptroller  
110 State Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Albany, NY 12236

Dear Comptroller DiNapoli :

In accordance with Section 170 of Executive Law, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has taken, or will be taking, the following steps to implement recommendations in the Office of the State Comptroller's audit report 2020-S-11, entitled *Compliance with Executive Order 95 (Open Data)*.

**Recommendations:**

- 1. As soon as practicable, submit to ITS and make publicly available a complete catalogue and schedule of publishable State data for addition to Open Data.**

DEC has submitted a catalog and schedule of publishable State data to ITS and posted them on DEC's website.

- 2. Develop procedures to ensure data is reliable and usable.**

DEC has incorporated steps into our Open Data Program Manual to ensure information posted on Open Data is accurate and examine/make appropriate dataset modifications to help eliminate variations affecting usability. These steps include reviewing datasets to ensure they are up to date and the data is appropriately formatted, grammatically correct, and matches agency data.

Sincerely,



Andrew B. Fischler  
Director, Office of Internal Audit