

FY 2002 GPRA Goal for Implementation of OIG and GAO Audits			
Bureau/Office	Number of Recommendations Meeting GPRA Goal Criteria	Number of Recommendations Implemented Within One Year	Percentage Implemented Within One Year
DEPT/OS	60	60	100%
BIA	16	16	100%
USGS	5	3	60%
OST	21	12	57%
BLM	13	10	77%
MMS	9	9	100%
NPS	19	13	68%
BOR	26	24	92%
FWS	17	15	88%
OSM	1	1	100%
OIA	19	19	100%
Total	206	182	88%

Interior believes that the timely implementation of OIG and GAO audit recommendations is essential to improving efficiency and effectiveness in its programs and operations, as well as achieving integrity and accountability goals. As a result, Interior has instituted a comprehensive audit follow-up program to ensure that audit recommendations are implemented in a timely and cost-effective manner and that disallowed costs and other funds due from contractors and grantees are collected or offset.

To further demonstrate the importance of timely implementation of OIG and GAO audit recommendations, Interior established an aggressive annual GPRA performance goal, beginning in FY 2000, of implementing 75 percent of all GAO and OIG audit recommendations within one year of the referral of those recommendations to the Department for tracking of implementation.

Interior was able to meet and exceed its GPRA performance target for the first time in FY 2002. A composite implementation rate of 88 percent was achieved for FY 2002. The composite rate included an 86 percent implementation rate for OIG audit recommendations and a 93 percent implementation rate for GAO audit recommendations. There were several contributing factors for achieving the GPRA performance target in FY 2002. The Department completed implementation and enhancement of its new Audit Follow-up Tracking System—a tool that provides “real time” status on audit implementation progress and improved management reporting. In addition, under the direction of the Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management and Budget, quarterly audit follow-up progress reports were prepared for each bureau to ensure audit recommendation implementation commitments were being met, and where progress was not being achieved, immediate senior management attention was directed to resolving problem issues.