

Chapter 21, Water Security Agency – Ensuring Dam Safety, 2025 Report - Volume 1

Recommendation and Status at Time of Audit	Page	Current Status (implemented, partially implemented, not implemented)	Actions Taken to Implement Since PA Report	Planned Actions for Implementation	Timeline for Implementation
Outstanding: We recommended the Water Security Agency have up-to-date, tested emergency preparedness plans for each of its major dams (i.e., Rafferty, Grant Devine [formerly Alameda], Qu'Appelle River, and Gardiner). (2005 Report – Volume 1, p.38, Recommendation 2; Public Accounts Committee agreement June 21, 2025) Status: Implemented	203	Implemented	N/A	N/A	N/A
Outstanding: We recommended the Water Security Agency set processes that ensure its manuals always include complete procedures to operate, maintain, and monitor dam safety. (2005 Report – Volume 1, p.38, Recommendation 2; Public Accounts Committee agreement June 21, 2025) Status - Implemented	205	Implemented	N/A	N/A	N/A

Status Update Template

October 1, 2026

Chapter 25, Water Security Agency – Regulating Water Use, 2026 Report – Volume 1

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Outstanding: 3.1 We recommended the Water Security Agency develop written procedures for processing and approving applications for water use. (2020 Report – Volume 1, p.186, Recommendation 2; Public Accounts Committee agreement October 9, 2022) Status: Partially Implemented	254	Partially Implemented	• WSA developed procedures for processing and approving applications for water use. • The decision record documents key decision points and the factors that lead to those decisions and is included on file for all new or renewed licences. • WSA developed an overarching Sustainable Water Allocation Framework, including the Water Policy Current State to support developing policies and procedures, including approaches to water allocation.	• WSA will include more detailed guidance on decision factors to consider when reviewing applications. Once guidance documents are updated, it will be approved for use.	• To be completed Q4 2026-27.

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			• WSA developed a procedure for issuing Temporary Industrial Water Rights Licences.		
Outstanding: 3.2 We recommended the Water Security Agency implement written procedures about estimating and recording licensed water use. (2020 Report – Volume 1, p.192, Recommendation 4; Public Accounts Committee agreement October 19, 2022) Status: Partially Implemented	255	Partially Implemented	• Written procedures for the collection, processing and estimation of water usage have been developed and were implemented in February 2024.	• WSA will include more detailed guidance on estimations and documentation in the written procedures.	• To be completed Q4 2026-27.
Outstanding: 3.3a We recommended the Water Security Agency actively monitor whether water-use licensees comply with key water-use licence conditions. (2020 Report – Volume 1, p.193, Recommendation 5; Public Accounts Committee agreement October 19, 2022) Status – Partially Implemented	256	Partially Implemented	• The Outcome-Based Compliance Framework has been developed. It includes guidance on compliance planning for various WSA programs, including water use and diversions. A program-specific document has been finalized to provide guidance on how to apply the framework for water use and diversions. • WSA developed a	• Deliver the 2026-27 compliance plan, and track compliance progress.	• To be completed Q4 2026-27.

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			2026-27 compliance plan that includes monitoring and verification activities of key water-use licence conditions.		
Outstanding: 3.3b We recommended the Water Security Agency develop written enforcement procedures for staff to follow when the Agency identifies licenced water users not complying with water-use licences. (2020 Report – Volume 1, p.194, Recommendation 6; Public Accounts Committee agreement October 19, 2022) Status: Partially Implemented	257	Partially Implemented	• WSA finalized a program-specific guide to include compliance action and enforcement escalation in the case that non-compliance is verified. • WSA has started conducting inspection of water users.	• WSA continue conducting inspections of water users, and will report compliance management metrics to demonstrate that the guide is being followed.	• The Outcome-Based Compliance Framework was implemented April 1, 2026.
Outstanding: 3.4 We recommended the Water Security Agency periodically give senior management written reports on non-compliance with key water-use licence conditions and related enforcement strategies and actions. (2020 Report – Volume 1, p. 194, Recommendation 7; Public Accounts Committee agreement October 19, 2022) Status: Partially Implemented	258	Partially Implemented	• A template for quarterly reporting to senior management, which includes non-compliant information, has been developed. • In June 2022, WSA restructured to clarify roles and better meet client needs. An Informatics Unit was	• The Outcome-Based Compliance Framework includes steps to review compliance trends and data in order to adjust compliance programing. WSA is committed to report on compliance management metrics to senior management twice per year.	• The first report to senior management will be in October 2026.

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			created to help with process automation, data capturing and reporting, and all water licensing activities were consolidated into one Science and Licensing division to bring consistency to the program. • In 2022, an Information Technology Strategic Plan was developed that will modernize data reporting, business analysis, and record and document management.		