



REGION 4 ADMINISTRATOR

ATLANTA, GA 30303

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Response to Office of Inspector General Final Report No. 25-E-0035 *Evaluation of the South Carolina Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program's Capacity to Manage Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funding*, Dated June 11, 2025.

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the unresolved recommendation number four and issues raised in the subject Office of Inspector General (OIG) final audit report. Following is a summary of the agency's overall position, along with its position on each of the report recommendations.

Region 4 appreciates the OIG input on improving support for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program. Region 4 is aware of the need for improvements for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program. The fiscal year (FY) 2023 South Carolina SRF review, which we conducted in FY 2024, identified similar challenges. We have been working with the state to address the financial health of the program.

Region 4 concurs with the unresolved recommendation in the final OIG report and has outlined additional corrective actions along with estimated completion dates. We will implement the recommendation in FY 2026. Specifically, EPA Region 4 will provide annual training to South Carolina's CWSRF Program staff to enhance their understanding of the program and the requirements applicable to the grant. The training will focus on:

- Build America, Buy America Act
- SRF Strategic Management
- Introduction to the SRF Programs
- American Iron and Steel / Build America Buy America 201
- Technical Virtual Mini Training
- SRF Project Management Training
- Financial Literacy

Additionally, EPA Region 4 engaged in discussions with South Carolina during the All State SRF Directors meeting on July 22-23, 2025, and throughout the year to identify training topics of interest from the state. The training topics described herein reflect these discussions.

Region 4 does not have any technical comments for this final report.

Response to the report's unresolved recommendations:

No.	Recommendation	Agreements: High-Level Intended Corrective Action(s)	Estimated Completion Date
#4	Provide annual training on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program through Fiscal Year 2026 to South Carolina's Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program staff to enhance their knowledge of the program and requirements applicable to the grant, such as the Build America, Buy America Act.	• EPA concurs with this recommendation. • EPA Region 4 State Revolving Fund (SRF) Section staff meets regularly with South Carolina's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SC CWSRF) Program staff to provide guidance and training on program requirements applicable to the grant and implementation of the state's SRF Program. • EPA headquarters offers a variety of training opportunities each year to state and regional SRF staff. EPA headquarters has not yet determined the training schedule for fiscal year (FY) 2026, but EPA Region 4 SRF staff will promote these trainings to the states when dates become available. Trainings in FY 2026 will cover the same topics addressed in FY 2025, including: ○ Build America, Buy America Act ○ SRF Strategic Management ○ Introduction to the SRF Programs ○ American Iron and Steel / Build America Buy America 201 ○ Technical Virtual Mini Training ○ SRF Project Management Training ○ Financial Literacy • EPA Region 4 SRF staff will encourage SC CWSRF Program staff to attend national workshop training opportunities: ○ Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA) Summit on Water Infrastructure: ▪ April 7 – 9, 2026 ○ 2026 CIFA State Revolving Fund Workshop: ▪ To be determined • EPA Region 4 SRF staff will provide annual training to SC at the annual SRF All States Training to include Drinking Water and Clean Water SRF	September 15, 2026

		programs to enhance knowledge of program and grant requirements. Training in FY 2025 occurred on July 22-24 and training in FY 2026 is tentatively scheduled for July. Region 4 staff will conduct outreach calls with SC to follow-up on any questions they may have after each training and to ensure training information is shared across all relevant staff.	
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If you or your staff have any questions regarding this response, please contact the Region 4 Audit Follow-Up Coordinator, Lasha Geter, at geter.lasha@epa.gov.

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