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# Eastern Carolina COG responds to audit findings

## 2010 audit indicates problems persist; board works to correct

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The annual audit for 2010 indicates the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments still faces problems in its small business lending program, but the COG board's leadership is pledging to correct those problems.

"We want to emphasize that, though we believe we have addressed and are correcting all the adverse audit findings, we are continuing with a top to bottom review not just of the Revolving Loan Fund issues, but of all the Council's operations," board President Steve Keen said in a recent statement.

The Eastern Carolina Council, based in New Bern, has come under fire in recent years for irregularities in its federally-funded Revolving Loan Fund program. The program is designed to provide fed-

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erally-backed loans to small business operators in Eastern North Carolina who otherwise cannot obtain bank funding.

The COG board is tasked with managing the loan program, but more than \$650,000 in unpaid loans have been written off in recent years.

Keen stressed that finding was "prema-

ture," because more than \$100,000 has since been obtained from a "loan loss reserve fund."

Borrowers have also started making payments, and the COG has recovered more than \$41,000, and "experienced collection counsel" has been hired to obtain more back payments.

"We want our Council to continue to be an effective voice for the needs of our region with the state and federal governments," Keen stated.

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The Navy, the lead agency for site activities, and the support agencies, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 4, and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) issues this document. The Navy and the USEPA, in consultation with NCDENR, will make the final decision on the Preferred Alternative for OU2, Site 10, Hot Spot 2 after reviewing and considering all information submitted during the **45-day public comment period** that commenced **April 11 and has been extended to June 10, 2011**. The Navy and USEPA, in consultation with NCDENR, may modify the Preferred Alternative or select another remedial action for OU2, Site 10, Hot Spot 2 based on new information or public comments; therefore, public comments on the Preferred Alternative are invited and encouraged. Interested parties may submit written comments to:

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