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Report Summary

*Performance Audit
Sustainability Section
Materials Management Division
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and Energy (EGLE)*

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The Sustainability Section was created in April 2019 by merging units from EGLE and the Michigan Agency for Energy, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. The Section is composed of the Energy Unit, the Recycling Unit, and the Sustainable Development Unit. The Units serve as the State's resident experts in their respective areas and provide technical assistance, including advising entities on best practices and connecting entities with like interests. For fiscal year 2019, the Section expended \$20.6 million. As of July 31, 2019, the Section had 15 full-time employees.

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective #1: To assess the sufficiency of the Section's efforts to evaluate its effectiveness.			Sufficient, with exceptions
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
EGLE's data collection and reporting practices limited its recycling program's strategic planning effort and affected the accuracy of prepared reports (Finding #1).		X	Agrees

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective #2: To assess the effectiveness of the Section's administration of grants and other resources.			Effective
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
None reported.	Not applicable.		
Observations Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
Participation and funding challenges limited the usefulness of some pollution prevention programs (Observation #1).	Not applicable for observations.		

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