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Re: State Auditor's Office Data Incident

Earlier this month the Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO) announced that their electronic file transfer firm, Accellion, had experienced a security incident involving certain information of Washington citizens who had recently applied for unemployment benefits. It also affected data from certain local government agencies and others undergoing audits by the State Auditor's Office, and Kitsap PUD falls into this latter category.

Every two years, Kitsap PUD is subject to a routine audit by the State Auditor's Office. With the SAO's announcement of the Accellion security incident, we reviewed the data that had been submitted as part of the SAO audit. Information submitted as part of the audit consists of:

- Customer names
- Customer service addresses
- Kitsap PUD account numbers
- Water consumption data (water used per billing cycle)
- Billed amounts (for water consumption)

Because no personal information, such as Social Security numbers, bank account information, dates of birth, or other "personal information," as defined in RCW 42.56.590, was included in materials associated with KPUD's audit, we do not believe the Accellion data incident poses significant risk to our customers.

We urge you to visit the State Auditor's Office webpage on this incident to learn more and avail yourself of resources the SAO is making available to those affected by this incident. State Auditor's Office webpage on the Accellion breach: https://sao.wa.gov/breach2021/.