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# Pulse Yield

AUDIT

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#### Introduction

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## **Project Overview**

## Summary

Project Name	Pulse Yield
Website	https://pulseyield.io
About the project	Pulse Yield is a decentralized platform that allows users to earn interest on their crypto holdings through a range of yield farming strategies.
Chain	Pulse Chain
Language	Solidity
Codebase Link	https://scan.pulsechain.com/address/ 0x97643679EF9ba736770f96400eA85069bc4BcB85/ contracts
	https://scan.pulsechain.com/address/ 0xb4B249b4ece2198B13Dd9807eF2E9d9b21b7c44D/ contracts#address-tabs
Unit Tests	Not Provided

## **Social Medias**

Telegram	https://t.me/pulse_yield
Twitter	https://twitter.com/PulseYield
Facebook	N/A
Instagram	N/A
Github	N/A
Reddit	N/A
Medium	N/A
Discord	https://discord.gg/7JgmqQfhHc
Youtube	N/A
TikTok	N/A
LinkedIn	N/A

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## **Audit Summary**

Version	Delivery Date	Changelog
v1.0	06. July 2023	<ul><li>Layout Project</li><li>Automated-/Manual-Security Testing</li><li>Summary</li></ul>
∨1.1	10. July 2023	· Reaudit

**Note -** This Audit report consists of a security analysis of the **Pulse Yield** smart contract. This analysis did not include functional testing (or unit testing) of the contract's logic.



#### **File Overview**

The Team provided us with the files that should be tested in the security assessment. This audit covered the following files listed below with an SHA-1 Hash.

File Name	SHA-1 Hash
contracts/PyVaultV6.sol	25e931e329788587f44c5ccd838f2c29fe6d 33cb
contracts/ PyStrategyCommonChefLP.sol	8ad2f40dc2534a69204f1005cb83a9fdba5fc d38

Please note: Files with a different hash value than in this table have been modified after the security check, either intentionally or unintentionally. A different hash value may (but need not) be an indication of a changed state or potential vulnerability that was not the subject of this scan.

#### **Externally Imported packages**

Used code from other Frameworks/Smart Contracts (direct imports).

Dependency / Import Path	
@openzeppelin/contracts/access/Ownable.sol	1
@openzeppelin/contracts/math/SafeMath.sol	2
@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC20/ERC20.sol	2
@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC20/SafeERC20.sol	2
@openzeppelin/contracts/utils/ReentrancyGuard.sol	1

**Note for Investors:** We only Audited a vault and Masterchef contract for **Pulse Yield**. However, If the project has other contracts (for example, a Presale, staking contract etc) associated with their project and they were not provided to us in the audit scope, then we cannot comment on its security and are not responsible for it in any way. Moreover, the imported libraries are not part of the audit scope and this is only a partial audit of two contracts and not a complete audit for this project.



## **Audit Information**

## **Vulnerability & Risk Level**

Risk represents the probability that a certain source threat will exploit the vulnerability and the impact of that event on the organization or system. The risk level is computed based on CVSS version 3.0.

Level	Value	Vulnerability	Risk (Required Action)
Critical	9 - 10	A vulnerability that can disrupt the contract functioning in a number of scenarios, or creates a risk that the contract may be broken.	Immediate action to reduce risk level.
High	7 – 8.9	A vulnerability that affects the desired outcome when using a contract, or provides the opportunity to use a contract in an unintended way.	Implementation of corrective actions as soon aspossible.
Medium	4 – 6.9	A vulnerability that could affect the desired outcome of executing the contract in a specific scenario.	Implementation of corrective actions in a certain period.
Low	2 – 3.9	A vulnerability that does not have a significant impact on possible scenarios for the use of the contract and is probably subjective.	Implementation of certain corrective actions or accepting the risk.
Informational	A vulnerability that have informational character but is not effecting any of the code.		An observation that does not determine a level of risk



## **Auditing Strategy and Techniques Applied**

Throughout the review process, care was taken to check the repository for security-related issues, code quality, and compliance with specifications and best practices. To this end, our team of experienced pen-testers and smart contract developers reviewed the code line by line and documented any issues discovered.

We check every file manually. We use automated tools only so that they help us achieve faster and better results.

#### Methodology

The auditing process follows a routine series of steps:

- 1. Code review that includes the following:
  - Reviewing the specifications, sources, and instructions provided to
     SolidProof to ensure we understand the size, scope, and

functionality of the smart contract.

- b. Manual review of the code, i.e., reading the source code line by line to identify potential vulnerabilities.
- c. Comparison to the specification, i.e., verifying that the code does what is described in the specifications, sources, and instructions provided to SolidProof.
- 2. Testing and automated analysis that includes the following:
  - a. Test coverage analysis determines whether test cases cover code and how much code is executed when those test cases are executed.
  - b. Symbolic execution, which is analysing a program to determine what inputs cause each part of a program to execute.
- 3. Review best practices, i.e., review smart contracts to improve efficiency, effectiveness, clarity, maintainability, security, and control based on best practices, recommendations, and research from industry and academia.
- 4. Concrete, itemized and actionable recommendations to help you secure your smart contracts.



## **Overall Security**

## Medium or higher issues

No critical Issues found	Contract is safe to deploy
Description	The contracts does not contain issues of high or medium criticality. This means that no known vulnerabilities were found in the source code.
Comment	N/A



## **Upgradeability**

Contract is not an upgradeable	Deployer cannot update the contract with new functionalities
Description	The contracts are not upgradeable. The deployer is not able to change or add any functionalities to the contracts after deploying.
Comment	The contracts are forked from BEEFY finance with only name changes



## **Ownership**

The ownership is renounced	The owner is renounced
Description	The owner renounced the ownership that means the contract's owner will no longer have any control or authority over the contract's operations.
Comment	Both the contracts are renounced and the Keeper address is also set as zero





## **Ownership Privileges**

These functions can be dangerous. Please note that abuse can lead to financial loss. We have a guide where you can learn more about these Functions.

#### **Minting tokens**

Minting tokens refer to the process of creating new tokens in a cryptocurrency or blockchain network. This process is typically performed by the project's owner or designated authority, who has the ability to add new tokens to the network's total supply.

Contract owner cannot mint new tokens	The owner cannot mint new tokens			
Description	The owner is not able to mint new tokens once the contract is deployed.			
Comment	N/A			



## **Burning tokens**

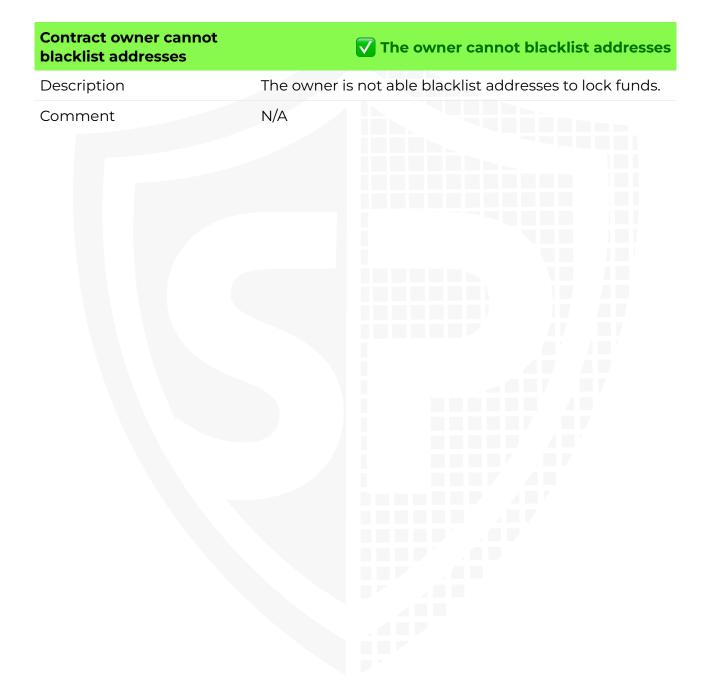
Burning tokens is the process of permanently destroying a certain number of tokens, reducing the total supply of a cryptocurrency or token. This is usually done to increase the value of the remaining tokens, as the reduced supply can create scarcity and potentially drive up demand.

Contract owner cannot burn tokens		<b>The</b>	e owne	er canno	t burn tol	kens
Description	The owner is allowances.	not able	burn	tokens	without	any
Comment	N/A					



#### **Blacklist addresses**

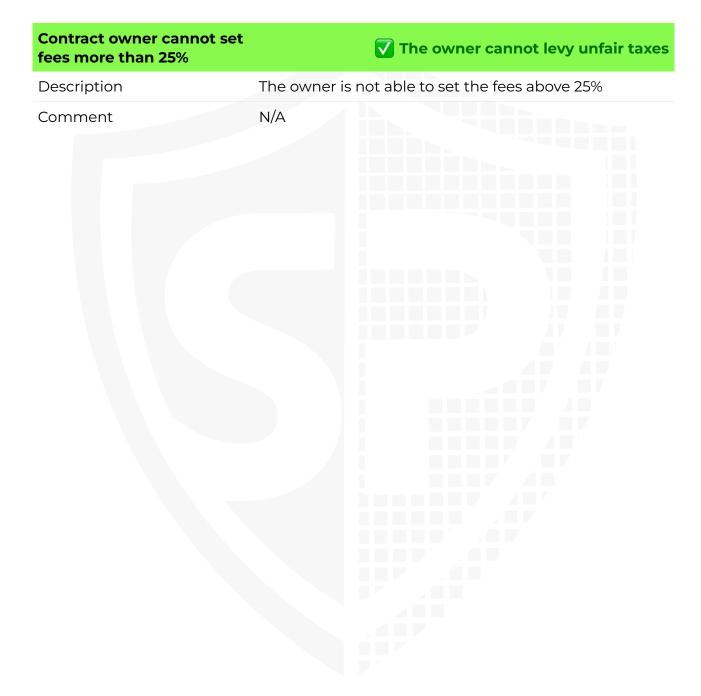
Blacklisting addresses in smart contracts is the process of adding a certain address to a blacklist, effectively preventing them from accessing or participating in certain functionalities or transactions within the contract. This can be useful in preventing fraudulent or malicious activities, such as hacking attempts or money laundering.





#### **Fees and Tax**

In some smart contracts, the owner or creator of the contract can set fees for certain actions or operations within the contract. These fees can be used to cover the cost of running the contract, such as paying for gas fees or compensating the contract's owner for their time and effort in developing and maintaining the contract.





## Lock User Funds

In a smart contract, locking refers to the process of restricting access to certain tokens or assets for a specified period of time. When tokens or assets are locked in a smart contract, they cannot be transferred or used until the lock-up period has expired or certain conditions have been met.

antilitie lock-up period has expired of certain conditions have been met.		
Owner cannot lock the contract	▼ The owner cannot lock the contract	
Description	The owner is not able to lock the contract by any functions or updating any variables.	
Comment	The pause functionality is not applicable anymore as the contract is renouced.	



#### **External/Public functions**

External/public functions are functions that can be called from outside of a contract, i.e., they can be accessed by other contracts or external accounts on the blockchain. These functions are specified using the function declaration's external or public visibility modifier.

#### **State variables**

State variables are variables that are stored on the blockchain as part of the contract's state. They are declared at the contract level and can be accessed and modified by any function within the contract. State variables can be defined with a visibility modifier, such as public, private, or internal, which determines the access level of the variable.

#### **Components**

Contracts	<b>E</b> Libraries	<b>Unterfaces</b>	Abstract
2	0	0	0

#### **Exposed Functions**

This section lists functions that are explicitly declared public or payable. Please note that getter methods for public stateVars are not included.

<b>Public</b>	S Payable
35	0

External	Internal	Private	Pure	View
16	33	0	0	12

### **StateVariables**

Total	<b>Public</b>
16	16



## **Capabilities**

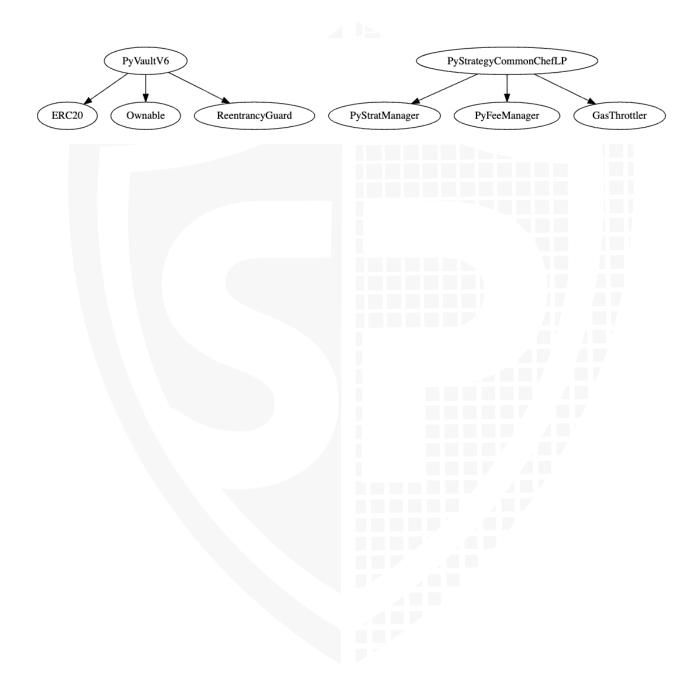
Solidity Versions observed	Transfers ETH	Can Receive Funds	Uses Assembl y	<ul><li>Has</li><li>Destroyable</li><li>Contracts</li></ul>
^0.6.0	Yes			





#### **Inheritance Graph**

An inheritance graph is a graphical representation of the inheritance hierarchy among contracts. In object-oriented programming, inheritance is a mechanism that allows one class (or contract, in the case of Solidity) to inherit properties and methods from another class. It shows the relationships between different contracts and how they are related to each other through inheritance.





## **Centralization Privileges**

Centralization can arise when one or more parties have privileged access or control over the contract's functionality, data, or decision-making. This can occur, for example, if the contract is controlled by a single entity or if certain participants have special permissions or abilities that others do not.

In the project, there are authorities that have access to the following functions:

File	Privileges		
1. PyVaultV6.sol	<ul> <li>onlyOwner</li> <li>Set the new candidate address for the new start</li> <li>Withdraw random tokens from the contract but not the "want" address tokens</li> <li>Upgrade active strast for the Strat candidate</li> </ul>		
2. PyStrategyCommon ChefLP.sol	<ul> <li>onlyManager         <ul> <li>Set pending rewards function name</li> <li>Enable/Disable harvest on deposit and gas throttle</li> <li>Pause and Unpause the deposit and harvest functionalities</li> </ul> </li> <li>The vault address can withdraw all the available funds in the pool back to the vault caontract</li> </ul>		

#### Recommendations

To avoid potential hacking risks, it is advisable for the client to manage the private key of the privileged account with care. Additionally, we recommend enhancing the security practices of centralized privileges or roles in the protocol through a decentralized mechanism or smartcontract-based accounts, such as multi-signature wallets.

#### Here are some suggestions of what the client can do:

- Consider using multi-signature wallets: Multi-signature wallets require multiple parties to sign off on a transaction before it can be executed, providing an extra layer of security e.g. Gnosis Safe
- Use of a timelock at least with a latency of e.g. 48-72 hours for awareness of privileged operations
- Introduce a DAO/Governance/Voting module to increase transparency and user involvement
- Consider Renouncing the ownership so that the owner can no longer modify any state variables of the contract. Make sure to set up everything before renouncing.



#### **Audit Results**

#### #1 | Owner can drain tokens

File	Severity	Location	Status
PyStrategyCommonChefLP.sol	Medium	L256, 246	Fixed

**Description -** The owner of the vault contract and the manager's address are able to drain the complete balance of the Common Chef LP contract by calling the retire start function at any time.

**Alleviation -** The issue is now fixed because the ownership of the vault contract has been renounced and it cannot be modified anymore.

## #2 | Missing Zero Address Validation

File	Severity	Location	Status
PyVaultV6.sol	Low	L163	ACK

#### **Description**

- Make sure to validate that the address passed in the function parameters is "non-zero".

#### #3 | Missing Events

File	Severity	Location	Status
PyVaultV6.sol	Low	L179	ACK

#### **Description**

- Make sure to emit events for all the critical parameter changes in the contract to ensure the transparency and trackability of all the state variable changes in the contract.

#### #4 | Missng "isContract" check

File	Severity	Location	Status
PyVaultV6.sol	Low	L141	ACK

#### **Description**

- The contract doesn't have any checks to verify whether the withdraw function is being called by an EOA or a contract. Because if it is callable by a contract then the functionality can be abused by bots.

**Remediation -** We recommend putting in a check to verify that the caller of the withdraw function must be an EOA.



#### #5 | Old Compiler version

File	Severity	Location	Status
All	Low	L3	ACK

#### **Description**

- The contracts use outdated compiler versions, which are not recommended for deployment as they may be susceptible to known vulnerabilities.

#### #6 | Floating Pragma

File	Severity	Location	Status
All	Informational	L3	ACK

#### **Description**

 The current pragma Solidity directive is ">=0.6.0 <0.9.0". Contracts should be deployed with the same compiler version and flags that they have been tested thoroughly. Locking the pragma helps to ensure that contracts do not accidentally get deployed using other versions

## #7 | Contract doesn't import npm packages from source (like OpenZeppelin etc.)

File	Severity	Location	Status
All	Informational	N/A	ACK

#### Description

- We recommend importing all packages from npm directly without flattening the contract. Functions could be modified or can be susceptible to vulnerabilities.



#### **Legend for the Issue Status**

Attribute or Symbol	Meaning
Open	The issue is not fixed by the project team.
Fixed	The issue is fixed by the project team.
Acknowledged(ACK)	The issue has been acknowledged or declared as part of business logic.





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