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Quarterly Report
EPA 2002 State Innovation Pilot Grant Program

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I. Information

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Expenditure Report:

Financial Information removed by EPA as confidential business information.

Project Progress Report:

We are currently in Phase III of our project:

We held four workshops. One in each county and an additional workshop that was requested by the auto body shops who could not make one of the others. They were as follows:

Wednesday, October 27, 2004 6-9 p.m.
Delaware Technical & Community College
Terry Campus – Dover

Thursday, October 28, 2004 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Delaware Technical & Community College
Owens Campus – Georgetown

Wednesday, November 3, 2004 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Delaware Technical & Community College
Stanton Campus

Tuesday, December 14, 2004 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Delaware Technical & Community College
Terry Campus – Dover

We had 97 people attend the 4 workshops. We handed out the Workbook at the workshops. The format for the workshop was to first educate the auto body shops about the Delaware Auto Body Self-Certification Program. We then walked them through each chapter of the workbook. This was done by having a regulator from each of the programs, Air, Waste, Water, etc. explain the regulatory requirements of their programs and answer questions. We also provided additional presentations on Pollution Prevention and Energy Efficiency. After the November 3rd workshop, we mailed out the Workbooks to the Auto Body Shops that did not attend the workshops. This was when we received several requests to hold another workshop. We scheduled the additional workshop for Tuesday December 14th.

We initially gave the auto body shops until February 15, 2005 to submit their self-certification forms. This is the same deadline that our Air Quality Management gave the auto body shops to apply for an air permit. We received several calls from Auto Body Shops asking that we extend the deadline. After consultation with DNREC's Air Quality Management, we agreed to extend the deadline for both the Self-Certification forms and the Air Permit Applications. We extended the deadline until March 31, 2005 for both the self-certification form and the air permit applications.

During this time, we continued to verify our universe of auto body shops. We found that our initial list of auto body shops was much larger than the actual number of auto body shops. Our universe is currently defined as approximately 140 auto body shops in the State of Delaware. This determination was made through phone calls from businesses that received letters from us that do not do any auto body work, returned mailings, and driving by locations.

During this period, the Pollution Prevention and Compliance Assistance Program also received several requests from auto body shops who wanted a Pollution Prevention Audit and assistance with compliance issues. As a direct result of these requests, we conducted 24 site visits to auto body shops.

As of this date, 99 auto body shops submitted self-certification forms to the Department. 88 auto body shops submitted air permit applications to DNREC's Air Quality Management Section.

Ongoing activities include:

Data entry of self-certification forms.

Air Quality Management is processing air permit applications.

Certificates of appreciation are being distributed to auto body shops that participated in the program.

Follow up site visits are being conducted.