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Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ERP Project  
Quarterly Progress Report

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## Part 1 – Synopsis of Accomplishments

Statistical Methodology was submitted to the US EPA for review. Document was reviewed and found acceptable. Pre-inspection calls were made targeting non-respondents and the required number of facilities identified for inspection. Inspections began and are proceeding as planned.

## Part 2 – Narrative Discussion

On January 14th, the Statistical Methodology was submitted to the US EPA for review. On February 20th, the US EPA completed their review of the document and submitted comments to the State of Illinois. No changes to the document were requested by the US EPA and based on this, the State of Illinois EPA's contractor Cadmus indicated they have fulfilled their requirements under the existing contract.

In early March, the State of Illinois EPA began making pre-inspection (PI) phone calls on the Category 1 sites. Using the same approach as before, telephone calls were made to a number of the overall group of 526 non-respondents. The objective was to obtain 27 facilities that identified themselves as automotive repair shops. Many facilities were found to have disconnected numbers and many indicated they were not repair shops. Over 100 PI calls were made in order to identify the minimum 27 facilities. Once completed, the PI calls yielded 27 facilities plus two with two additional shops included in case problems were encountered with the baseline 27.

Site visits began March 23<sup>rd</sup> on the Category 1 sites and proceeded through the end of the reporting period. The remaining categories are expected to be completed during the first half of April.

Some questions were raised regarding meeting schedule objectives. Upon discussion with our contractor, the State of Illinois EPA is confident objectives will be met within the time frame specified. Enough of a buffer was worked into the schedule to allow for

lapses. With the remaining categories to be completed before the end of April, a lapse of a couple weeks is not going to greatly affect our outcome.

The Phase II Scope of Work is being completed by the contractor and is expected to be submitted to the State of Illinois EPA for review at the beginning of the next reporting period.

### **Part 3 – Financial Report**

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