

## **Auto Body Environmental Results Program**

Maine Department of Environmental Protection Office of Innovation and Assistance



For the Period: April 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006

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## Reporting

- The following is the sixth quarterly report for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Auto Body Environmental Results Program (ERP). This report covers the period from April 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006.
- The sixth quarter focus involved technical assistance with self-certification checklists, data entry of baseline Pollution Prevention (P2) surveys and self-certification checklists, and conducting post-certification Pollution Prevention (P2) surveys.

## Progress Towards Milestones

- The Cadmus Group, Inc. is working on additional statistical analysis that will allow the DEP to determine self-certification accuracy.
- The self-certification period ended on April 28, 2006.
  - A deadline reminder postcard was mailed out 2 weeks prior to the deadline.
  - 42 auto body shops self-certified (41.6% of the universe).
  - The DEP provided on-site technical assistance to auto body shops that requested on-site assistance with filling out the self-certification checklist.
  - The DEP provided technical assistance via phone and email to auto body shops needing assistance filling out the self-certification checklist.
  - The DEP reviewed self-certification checklists to assure that all questions were answered, and followed up with auto body shops if the DEP had questions.
  - DEP discovered that 8 auto body shops were operating solvent distillation units without the required abbreviated license through their response to questions on the self-certification.
    - DEP is working with these shops to get them licensed.
      - Technical assistance being done via phone, email and on-site visits.
      - DEP is using Small Business Compliance Incentives Policy (SBCIP) with these shops.
  - A list of participants can be found at <u>http://www.maine.gov/dep/eleader/erp/participants.htm</u>.
- Massachusetts DEP provided Maine DEP with their ERP database.
  - All baseline P2 surveys and self-certification checklists have been entered into database.
  - Post-certification P2 surveys being entered into database as they are completed.
- Post-certification P2 surveys began in June. 33 auto body shops visited to date.
  - DEP is seeing an increase in environmental compliance since the baseline P2 surveys.

- To date 3 auto body shops have gone out of business since DEP verified that they were in business this winter. The universe is currently 101 shops.
- Internal Stakeholder Outreach:
  - The Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management is providing technical assistance to auto body shops that are applying for an abbreviated license to operate their solvent distillation unit.
  - The Bureau of Air Quality is assisting Sara Lippert with post-certification P2 surveys.
- External Stakeholder Outreach: Continued to receive support from the Maine Auto Dealers Association.
  - Met with Steve Piper with the Maine Auto Dealers Association to discuss the Solvent Contaminated Wipers Policy. He is relaying the information on the Policy to car dealerships in Maine.
- Attended regional state planning meeting on June 21, 2006. Gave an ERP update.
- Attended common metrics meeting on June 23, 2006. Discussed how common metrics could be used with ERP.
- The DEP continues to participate in ERP conference calls with EPA and other states. The DEP is currently involved with as EMS Credit/ERP workgroup, an auto body area source workgroup, an Element 13 workgroup, and an ERP automation workgroup.

## Update to QAPP

Ron Dyer is no longer with the DEP and has been removed from the QAPP as ERP Management Support (page 4). Peter Cooke has been added as ERP Management Support.