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*South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
Incorporating EMS in Permitting Decisions
Grant # PI-83230301-0
Quarterly Report
May 1, 2005- June 30, 2005*

Overall Progress and Milestones Accomplished:

Claire Prince, Project Director, was asked to participate on a panel and give a presentation on this project at the annual Multi-State Work Group meeting on June 20-21, 2005 in Grand Rapids Michigan. The conference was title ECO-INNOVATION 21: THE LOCAL/GLOBAL IMPERATIVE (See attached PowerPoint Presentation).

The Project Advisory Team met for the first time on June 27, 2005. Advisory Team members are: Claire Prince (Project Director) Christine Steagall (Project Manager), Rodney Wingard (RCRA Program), Carl Richardson (Director of Air Permitting), Nydia Burdick (EQC Laboratory Services), Jimmy Owens (EQC Region 4 Director and Quality Assurance Officer), Paul Wilkie (RCRA Program), Shelly Sherritt (Federal Facilities Liaison and former RCRA Program staff), and Andy Yasinsac (Bureau of Water Industrial Wastewater Permitting). The Committee will meet again in early August 2005 and plans are to have them meet with the project consultant.

The Request for Proposals for the EMS consultant was sent out on May 18th, 2005 to all state supported colleges and universities. The team reviewed, and approval was given to award the contract to Dr. Phil Barnes with the University of South Carolina (See attached proposal and resume). DHEC is currently processing the paperwork to award the contract to USC.

One of the tasks for the EMS consultant is to conduct internal staff EMS training. The Project Advisory Team felt the EMS Training should be available for staff to attend on 1 of 3 different days/time, rather than in conjunction with other DHEC trainings. This training will be available to DHEC staff and they will be "strongly encouraged" to attend by EQC management. Plans are to schedule the training dates in late fall and early December. A presentation will also be made at the annual permit staff meeting on November 9, 2005.

The project objective is to work with up to 4 facilities (at least 2 of them need to have a RCRA Permit). The Project Advisory Team assisted in identifying potential participants. Charleston Air Force Base, a SC Environmental Excellence Program member, is developing a non ISO14001-certified EMS and has an operating RCRA permit. The Base has expressed interest in participating in the project and a letter of participation has been sent to the Base. Holcim, Milliken-Dewey Plant, Dayco Automotive Products, and Voridian are other facilities identified as possible candidates. The Project Advisory Team was asked to go back to their respective programs and discuss with staff any positive or negative feedback on these companies. Facility selection should be complete by August 30, 2005.

The Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), submitted and approved by EPA prior to SCDHEC receiving the grant award, was reviewed by the Project Advisory Team and by the Quality Officer for EQC. Several changes were made to update the plan (See attached Amendment 1 to the QAPP). Amendment 1 to the QAPP is submitted as part of this Quarterly Report for EPA review and approval.

Next Quarterly Report: Reporting Period July 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005.

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