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This is the quarterly report for the VT Department of Environmental Conservation “Retail Gasoline Sales Sector, Environmental Results Project (ERP)”. The report covers the time period January 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008.

Most of the time in this quarter was spent on tasks resulting from the first filing of self-certifications. The deadline for submittal was 12/31/07. We were very pleased to receive 861 self-certifications on-time. We sent out approximately 160 Notices of Alleged Violation (NOAVs) to facility owners/operators who had not submitted their self-certification.

Progress Toward Milestones:

1. We worked with facility owners and operators who were in the process of filing their self-certifications (but hadn’t completed by the deadline). By viewing our on-line certification application we could determine those facilities that had begun but had not yet certified as complete.
2. We worked with owners/operators who began their self-certification after receiving NOAVs. Many were unaware of the requirement despite our newsletters, reminder postcards, and communications with industry representatives. The NOAVs have been effective; as of this date only 38 facilities have not complied with the requirement to certify.
3. We reviewed the 103 Return to Compliance Plans. The majority of plans were submitted for failure to conduct weekly monitoring or for failure to retain the monitoring records. Twenty-four plans were for equipment repairs or installation, or periodic testing (line-leak detectors, cathodic protection systems, etc).
4. We have generated our list of 100 randomly selected facilities for inspection to determine the post-certification compliance rate.
5. We have selected a contractor for IT services (Industrial Economics of Cambridge MA). We are currently working with our Business Office to get the contract approved.

Impediments: The need for IT services continues to be an area of concern. The hiring of the contractor will hopefully result in progress in this area over the next quarter. The biggest issues initially identified are: the up-loading of facility data to pre-populate electronic inspection checklists (on tablet PCs), the down-loading of completed checklists to the database; and report development to allow for the detailed analysis of self-certification data. The issue of IT services continues to be the most serious impediment to the success of this project. The analysis of self-certification data is the crux of this project, and those applications have yet to be developed.

Financial Report:

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QAPP Revision: there are no revisions to the QAPP this quarter.