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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 April 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009.

Work conducted in this quarter included assisting facility owners/operators who were late in completing their self-certifications for 2008, evaluating self-certification data and Return to Compliance Plans (RTCs), working with the IT contractor to complete modifications to the on-line self-certification tool and inspector checklist, and conducting our 100 randomly selected inspections to determine the industry compliance rate for 2008.

Progress Toward Milestones:

1. We worked with Industrial Economics of Cambridge MA on the needed changes/upgrades to our database and tablet pcs. This work was developed, tested, and deployed as per the contract deadline of 6/15/09. The inspection checklist is in use by the inspectors and is regarded as a great improvement over the previous tool. The upgraded on-line self-certification is also active and has been tested by outside users, and is available for self-certifications for 2009.
2. The second round of self-inspection and certification was due 12/31/08. We received self-certifications from all but eight facilities. Six of these facilities failed to submit self-certifications for 2007, and these cases have been referred to the Enforcement Division.
3. We received 30 RTCs by January 6, 2009. Of these, 11 planned repairs/replacements/upgrades, 7 were for documentation issues, and one was for mandatory system testing. As of May 19, 2009, all RTCs had been resolved.
4. We conducted our 100 randomly selected inspections between mid-March and the July 15, 2009. We are pleased to see the compliance rate remained high, with only 19 Notices of Alleged Violation written for an 81% compliance rate. While 81% is good, it is down 3% from 2007.

Impediments: with the hiring of the IT contractor in 2008, our biggest impediment has been addressed. The work is completed and the tools are working well.

Financial Report: We have spent \$17,771.28 in grant funds since the last report. Total amount spent on grant activities as of 6/30/09 was \$203,867.86, of which \$172,769.37 was federal money. Approximately 86 % of the grant monies have been spent, leaving \$27,230.63 of federal monies available. NOTE: we do not have firm plans on how to spend the remaining funds.

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