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This is the tenth report for the VT Department of Environmental Conservation “Retail Gasoline Sales Sector, Environmental Results Project (ERP). The report covers the time period April 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007.

Most of the time in this quarter was spent on the rules adoption process (completed), and preparing and delivering self-certification workshops.

Progress Toward Milestones (based on the 11/15/04 draft timeline):

1. We have completed the process for adopting the new UST Rules. The Rules were filed with the Secretary of State on 6/27/07, and will be effective 8/1/07. The new rules contain the requirement to self-inspect and report.
2. IT Tasks – Our IT staff completed the development of the on-line filing of self-certifications. We have received several on-line certifications, and many user registrations.
3. Industry Outreach: We have continued to provide monthly updates on the project to industry. In addition, we delivered 9 self-certification training workshops around Vermont during the months of April and May. The Self-Certification Workbook and Forms Booklet have been finalized and copies printed for distribution and use in the workshops.

Impediments: In late June, the IT specialist hired for this project (Michael Inners) announced he was leaving, effective July 20, 2007. His departure poses a very significant problem. According to IT managers, they will not be able to seamlessly transition these duties to other IT staff. The two biggest issues initially identified are: the up-loading of facility data to electronic inspection checklists (on tablet pcs), and the down-loading of completed checklists to the database; and the analysis of self-certification data (due 9/14/07).

If project needs cannot be met with current IT resources, it appears as if we will be required to hire a contractor to provide this service. There does not appear to be an ability or desire to hire another limited service position to provide this service. We have not yet made any decision as to how we will proceed.

We believe this presents a very 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.

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