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# Indiana Department of Environmental Management

## Environmental Results Program

### Quarterly Report

**Project:** The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) was awarded a State Innovation Grant from EPA to develop and implement an Environmental Results Program (ERP) for the **auto salvage sector**. The grant was awarded on October 1, 2006.

**Reporting Period:** January 1, 2009 thru March 31, 2009

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## Summary of Tasks and Activities

### Baseline Inspections

- We completed baseline inspections by September 2007 and finalized all inspection reports by April 2008.

### Baseline Analysis

- In November of 2008 we encountered an issue with our baseline analysis methodology: some data points were being improperly excluded. We have updated our methodology to correct this and are in the process of re-analyzing the data.

### Develop Outreach Materials

- We have developed self-certification forms and an accompanying workbook with input from IDEM's Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance (OPPTA), IDEM's Media and Communication Services (MACS), IDEM's Office of Air Quality, and IDEM's Office of Water Quality. These products have been approved by higher levels of management within IDEM, have been printed, and are ready to be mailed. The anticipated mailing date for these materials, along with a cover letter, is April 20, 2009.
- In conjunction with MACS and OPPTA, have produced an instructional DVD for distribution to the regulated community along with the self-certification forms and workbook mentioned above. The DVD is scheduled to be mailed to members of the regulated community on April 20, 2009 along with the self-certification forms and workbooks.

- We are continuing the process of making necessary changes and updates to our Auto Salvage manual and website. We are also incorporating existing guidance materials and resources into our website.
- In conjunction with MACS and OPPTA, we are working on the creation of a recognition program to reward members of the regulated community who achieve various levels of excellence. The program will be called Indiana Clean Yard and will consist of two levels of recognition. We have established Best Management Practices (BMPs) which will be used to evaluate businesses applying for the higher level of recognition. Although we originally intended to provide tangible incentives (e.g.: promotional materials, plaques, awards, etc.) to business achieving either level of recognition, this may no longer be an option. The State of Indiana's fiscal situation has prompted new procedures which require that all outreach materials be approved by a Committee consisting of the Governor's Office and the Office of Management and Budget. At this point, we are uncertain as to whether or not we will be able to offer the planned incentives.

#### **Facility Assistance**

- In conjunction with the Automotive Recyclers of Indiana, Inc (ARI) we have planned three workshops to introduce the regulated community to this new program. The workshops are scheduled for May 27, 2009 in Valparaiso; May 29, 2009 in Indianapolis; and June 2, 2009 in New Albany.

#### **Additional Comments**

- Throughout the life of this project, we have encountered unforeseen situations which have caused us to lag behind the "Schedule of Major Project Tasks" outlined in our original QAPP. While we have made efforts to compensate for these delays, we have not been able to fully recover from them. We will make every effort to finish the remaining tasks in a timely fashion; however, we anticipate that our project will not be completed until 9-12 months after the original completion date of December 2009.