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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: July 1, 2009 thru September 30, 2009

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Summary of Tasks and Activities

Develop Outreach Materials

- In conjunction with IDEM's Communication Services and Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance (OPPTA), we created a recognition program to encourage participation in the self-certification program and to reward members of the regulated community who achieve various levels of excellence. The Indiana Clean Yard Program consists of two levels of recognition ("Indiana Clean Yard" and "Indiana Clean Yard-Gold Level"). We have received approval for several incentive items to recognize each Clean Yard. The incentive items include a press release, use of the Indiana Clean Yard logo, counter mats, and a commemorative certificate. For businesses achieving Gold Level recognition, the presentation of these items will be made on-site by IDEM's commissioner, Mr. Tom Easterly. Members of the press will be invited to these events.
- **The development of outreach materials has been completed.** However, if any additional incentive items are approved, we will incorporate them into our program.

Facility Assistance

- The OPPTA office continues to provide confidential compliance assistance when requested. All auto salvage inspectors are also providing assistance when requested.
- The website is continually updated with new information as appropriate.
- We continue to respond to phone calls and e-mails requesting information about the self-certification program and how to participate.

Self-certification

- **We have established a voluntary evaluation/certification approach as an integral part of this program.** As of the end of September, 2009, 44 businesses had submitted paperwork through this program. Of those 44, seven were applying for the higher level of recognition (Indiana Clean Yard-Gold).

Analysis of Self-certification Results and Follow-up

- We are in the process of reviewing all of the submittals and have so far approved three businesses for recognition.
- Many of the submittals included Return to Compliance Plans, plans that outline how violations will be remedied. As Return to Compliance Plans are executed, we continue to analyze the new information and act accordingly.
- We are using the self-certification information to identify opportunities for selective follow-up. We have employed aerial photography, phone calls and visits as part of our follow-up efforts.

Post-certification Inspections

- Businesses were randomly chosen for this round of inspections from the same list of facilities that was used for the baseline inspections in 2007. Post-certification inspections have begun and we anticipate having them completed by the end of January, 2010.

Additional Comments

- On September 25, 2009, we requested an extension of the project and budget periods to allow IDEM to complete the project tasks as outlined in the QAPP.