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State Innovation Grant Quarterly Report

Project: “Promoting Implementation of Innovative Environmental Compliance Strategies in the Northeast and Use of Common Business Sector Performance Measures” (States Common Measures Project)

Reporting Period: July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008

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Summary of Activities

- Presented preliminary SQG performance results for the participating states at the States ERP Consortium National Meeting in Reno, Nevada.
- Presented preliminary SQG performance results for participating states at the NEWMOA Directors meeting in Salisbury, New Hampshire
- Continued work on drafting final project report and organizing project information.
- Developed agenda for final project meeting to be held on December 2, 2008. Will review and discuss SQG results, lessons learned and final wrap-up issues.
- Additional project information may be found at the NEWMOA website at <http://www.newmoa.org/hazardouswaste/measures>

Accomplishments and Problems

- Phase 4 – Data Analysis and Reporting is underway for the SQG sector. (See Estimates section below)
- By conducting project training for field staff in the states of VT, RI, NH, NY and WA, these states may begin field assessments in the auto body sector. Due to state specific constraints, it appears only the states of NY and WA will be conducting field observations in the auto body sector during the grant period.

Schedules

- It is anticipated that all phases of the hazardous waste small quantity generator sector will be complete by the end of the grant period and phases 1 and 2 (through field training) of the auto body sector are now complete.
- Project wrap-up meeting for participating states will be held on December 2, 2008.

Funds

- The project has expended approximately \$205,441 of grant funds through August 2008. As of the end of this quarter, no new funding problems are identified to date or for the remainder of the project.

Estimates

PHASE 4 – DATA ANALYSIS AND REPORTING (2008 –2009)

- Anticipated project activities include:
 - Completed preliminary data analyses for the SQG sector. RI data is late due to agency budget cutbacks, but will make every effort to include RI data in the final project report.
 - Presented the preliminary SQG performance results at the ERP National Meeting on September 8-9, 2008 in Reno, Nevada.
 - Presented SQG performance results at the NEWMOA Directors Meeting on September 18-19, 2008 in Hampton, NH
 - Will be presenting and discussing SQG performance results with the participating project states on December 2, 2008. Results will be presented to various EPA offices and programs, and to other interested parties, during late Fall and Winter 2008.
 - Submitting Final Project Report to EPA in December 2008 or January 2009.
- As indicated in the funding section above, at this point, there appear to be sufficient funds identified to successfully complete the project on schedule for one sector (hazardous waste small quantity generators) as required by the grant. A second sector (auto body sector) has been completed though the field training stage. Additional work in the auto body sector will extend beyond the end of the project.