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INTRODUCTION

This quarterly progress report (for the time period 7/1/06 – 9/30/06), authored by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES), fulfills grant requirements for the State Innovation Grant (SIG) issued in April of 2006, and formally accepted by the State of New Hampshire on June 21, 2006. As required, this report presents a summary of activities and accomplishments, effectiveness, problems encountered, and progress expected over the next quarter. The format of the report is as stated in the *Programmatic Conditions* attached to the April 21, 2006 Grant Award document.

Section #1 - Summary of Activities

During the period July 2006 through September 2006, DES started the work described in the project workplan dated January 31, 2006. This includes: Writing, and getting approval of, a Quality Assurance Project Plan, drafting new DES policy statement on Environmental Leadership, initiating website development, general program outreach, and beginning the assembly of a stakeholder group.

Section #2 – Accomplishments/Problems

As of the end of the reporting period, the draft policy and stakeholder group materials were on hold for the installation of a new Commissioner, which was to occur on November 1, 2006. Website and program development, as well as general program outreach continued.

Section #3 – Schedules

There has been some minor slippage of the expected schedule, due to the change of Commissioner.

Section #4 – Funds

Financial Information removed by EPA as confidential business information.

Section #5 – Estimates

No change in the grant period or budget is anticipated. The issue of grant period will be re-assessed in the next quarterly report.

Section #6 – Attachments

N/A for this period.

Section #7 – Quality Assurance

The draft website materials reference in #1, above, are in DES's established Website Editorial Review Board process. No other data issues were worked on during the reporting period.