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**QUARTERLY REPORT– April 2008 – June 2008
STATE INOVATION GRANT PROGRAM (SIG)**

**A. PROJECT TITLE: NEVADA ENVIRONMENTAL RESULTS PROGRAM (NVERP)–
DRY CLEANING SECTOR**

B. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Lead Agency:

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Geographic Focus:

Nevada – Washoe and Clark Counties

C. FUNDING REQUESTED: \$203,000

D. PROJECT PERIOD: August 1, 2006 to June 30, 2010

E. PRELIMINARY ACTIVITY

The original grant award was signed on September 29, 2006, with an approved project period of August 1, 2006, to April 30, 2009. NDEP requested a revised completion date of June 30, 2010, to provide adequate time for completion of all required tasks and to synchronize the ERP grant with the state fiscal year and budget cycle. An amendment revising the grant completion date to June 30, 2010, was approved on December 27, 2007. During this time NDEP successfully concluded negotiations with UNR's Business Environmental Program (BEP) for a \$193,000.00 contract to implement the ERP. Final approval for the contract was obtained on March 13, 2007 and the work detailed below commenced.

I Tasks Summary

During the 2nd Quarter of 2008 (April-June) NDEP/BEP continued to implement the NVERP scope of work. During the quarter local agency baseline inspections of PCE dry cleaners in Washoe County continued. A summary of the task activities conducted this quarter are presented below. In addition, BEP participated as NDEP's representative in the States-EPA ERP Consortium, and is working on the planning committee for a national ERP-States Consortium meeting to be held in Reno, NV Sept. 7-9, 2008.

Task: **Outreach**
Outreach to internal and external stakeholders (including targeted facilities) about the project.

Status: Ongoing

Completion Date: Original: March 2010
Projected: March 2010

Comments: BEP met with personnel from the local agency hazardous waste, wastewater pretreatment, and air quality inspection programs in Clark County to discuss the ERP project, their inspections forms and process, and collaboration on the NV ERP.

Task: **Facility Identification**
Compile a list of PCE dry cleaning facilities from reliable sources.

Status: Complete

Completion Date: Original: June 1, 2007
Actual: Washoe County Completed June1, 2007
Actual: Clark County September 10, 2007

Comments:

Task: **Statistical Methodology**
Finalize the methodology to drive performance measurement and analytical tasks.

Status: Ongoing

Completion Date: Original: July 1, 2007
Completed: February 2008

Comments: The facility identification has verified that a census approach for collection of dry cleaner inspection data will be used. BEP has reviewed the draft ERP Consortium Reporting ERP results common measures and will work to incorporate these in the project measures reported as the draft measures are finalized.

Task: **Data Input and Management**
Development of database and data input process to cost-effectively input and manage the NVERP data.

Status: Ongoing

Completion Date: Original: September 1, 2007
Projected: September 2008

Comments: BEP has initiated development of the database format and structure in regard to compliance questions, dependencies, and best practices. Data input for the Washoe County baseline inspections is anticipated to begin and be completed during the next quarter.

Task: **Develop Inspection Forms**
Multi-media inspection forms and Environmental Business Performance Indicators (EBPIs) developed and training provided to Inspectors.

Status: Ongoing

Completion Washoe County Original: October 1, 2007

Date: Washoe County Completed: January 2008
 Clark County Original: 2/1/2008
 Clark County Projected: 9/1/2008

Comments: In Washoe County, the air quality program inspectors failed to utilize the inspection questionnaire developed for the ERP project. It appears that the information collected through their inspection forms are responsive to the data collection fields of the ERP inspection form. The information from the inspection forms are being transferred to the ERP forms prior to data input. BEP will work with the WAQMD to rectify this problem for collection of future inspection data.
 Minor modification of the Washoe ERP inspection forms are anticipated based on experience to date with the baseline inspections.
 Work to develop the Clark County ERP inspection forms was initiated following meetings with local agency representatives, review of their inspection forms, and discussion of the Washoe County ERP forms. The intent is to develop a Clark County ERP baseline inspection form that is as consistent as possible with the Washoe County form, given some variances in local regulatory requirements.

Task: **Baseline Inspections**
Inspections at facilities to establish a baseline for performance measures. All facilities will be inspected providing a census data collection.

Status: Washoe County in progress.

Completion Date: Washoe County Original: 1/28/2008
 Washoe County Projected: July 2008
 Clark County Original: 11/1/2008
 Clark County Projected: TBD

Comments: Washoe County Baseline inspections continued during the quarter. Baseline inspections are expected to be completed in July 2008.
 BEP was informed that Clark County agencies were reviewing program inspection priorities, and that management vacancies were being filled which left uncertainty for the implementation timeline of inspections once the forms were finalized.

Task: **Baseline Analysis**
Analysis of inspection data to establish a baseline for the project's performance measures.

Status: Not yet initiated

Completion Date: Washoe County Original: 5/1/2008
 Washoe County Projected: September 2008
 Clark County Original: 03/01/2009

Comments: Baseline analysis will occur after the baseline inspection data has been collected and entered in the database. Washoe County Inspections are expected to conclude in the next quarter. The data will be entered and the baseline analysis should occur in September 2008.

Task: **Assistance Materials**
Develop Workbooks, informational/assistance materials, and workshop curriculum.

Status: Ongoing

Completion Date: Washoe County Original: 1/13/2008
 Washoe County Projected: September 2008
 Clark County Original: 11/01/2008

Comments: An initial draft of the guidance manual/workbook was developed and is being revised based upon internal review. The 2nd draft is expected to be completed in August and

an external review conducted with the Washoe County dry cleaner focus group.

Task: Facility Assistance

Delivery of compliance/technical assistance to facilities, which is expected to take the form of workbooks, fact sheets, workshops, and on-site assistance.

Status: Not yet initiated, Anticipate October 2008 start.

Completion Original: 1/28/2010

Date: Projected: 1/28/2010

Comments: Baseline inspections are continuing to be conducted in Washoe County and the workbook is under development. Both activities are expected to be completed during the next quarter after which the assistance phase will begin.

Task: Self-Certification

Implementation of a voluntary facility self-certification approach. Self-certification refers to the submission of a record of a facility's compliance and beyond-compliance practices.

Status: Not yet initiated.

Completion Washoe County Original: 9-1-2008

Date: Washoe County Projected: February 2009

Clark County: 5/1/2009

Comments: The Self Certification process will begin after workshops are provided in Washoe County.

Financial Summary

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