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**QUARTERLY REPORT– July 2008 – September 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 3rd Quarter of 2008 (July-Sept) NDEP/BEP continued to implement the NVERP scope of work. During the quarter local agency baseline inspections of PCE dry cleaners in Washoe County were finished. A summary of the task activities conducted this quarter are presented below. In addition, BEP hosted the national ERP-States Consortium meeting which was held in Reno, NV Sept. 7-9, 2008. The meeting drew State and EPA representatives from across the nation, and was joined by others as a video or teleconference. Thirty-six people attended the Consortium meeting, including Leo Drozdoff, NDEP Administrator and Betsy Shaw Director EPA's National Center for Environmental Innovation.

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: In September, BEP was in communication with the local agencies in Washoe County discussing the next steps in the ERP process. BEP has requested feedback from the inspectors regarding their recommendations of areas to emphasize in the training curriculum.
BEP has been in communication with the local agencies in Clark County regarding the development of the inspection form.

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 June 1, 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: December 2008

Comments: BEP has initiated development of the database format and structure in regard to compliance questions, dependencies, and best practices. BEP acquired the updated database during the national Consortium meeting held in Reno on September 7th, 2008. BEP staff received training on the database. We anticipate the initial Washoe inspection data to be entered into the database by the end of December, 2008.

Task: **Develop Inspection Forms**
Multi-media inspection forms and Environmental Business Performance Indicators

Status:	<i>(EBPIs) developed and training provided to Inspectors.</i> Ongoing
Completion Date:	Washoe County Original: October 1, 2007 Washoe County Completed: January 2008 Clark County Original: 2/1/2008 Clark County Projected: November 2008
Comments:	Efforts to develop an inspection form for Clark County continue. A draft form is expected in October, 2008.
Task:	Baseline Inspections <i>Inspections at facilities to establish a baseline for performance measures. All facilities will be inspected providing a census data collection.</i>
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 were completed in July. The inspections yielded a modification to the list of dry cleaners using PCE.
Task:	Baseline Analysis <i>Analysis of inspection data to establish a baseline for the project's performance measures.</i>
Status:	Not yet initiated
Completion Date:	Washoe County Original: 5/1/2008 Washoe County Projected: September 2008 Clark County Original: 03/01/2009
Comments:	BEP is preparing to enter the compliance questions, dependencies, and best practices into the database. BEP anticipates this work and the inspection data to be entered during the upcoming quarter.
Task:	Assistance Materials <i>Develop Workbooks, informational/assistance materials, and workshop curriculum.</i>
Status:	Ongoing
Completion Date:	Washoe County Original: 1/13/2008 Washoe County Projected: November 2008 Clark County Original: 11/01/2008
Comments:	Work to develop the compliance and best practice manual and workshop curriculum continues. An external review with the Washoe County dry cleaner focus group will be conducted when the draft is completed.
Task:	Facility Assistance <i>Delivery of compliance/technical assistance to facilities, which is expected to take the form of workbooks, fact sheets, workshops, and on-site assistance.</i>
Status:	Not yet initiated, Anticipate December 2008 start.
Completion Date:	Original: 1/28/2010 Projected: 1/28/2010
Comments:	Baseline inspections were completed 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 Date: Washoe County Original: 9-1-2008
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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