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**Washington State Department of Ecology
Sustainable Washington State Innovations Grant Project**

FY2009 Fourth Quarter Progress Report

This progress report covers the period from July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009.

Part 1 – Synopsis of Accomplishments

- Prepared ‘special invitation’ mailer for ~500 auto body shops in ERP pilot area for EPA/PPRC Waterborne Paints Webinar.
- Sent thank you letters to all shops submitting Self Certification forms, with shop-specific technical assistance recommendations and cc’s to local LSC partners interested in providing additional TA, local EnviroStars staff, and Heather Valdez, EPA.
- Continued to participate in the Collision Repair Interagency calls with EPA and other partners.
- Conducted internal Ecology staff meetings to evaluate the pilot’s progress. Ecology worked with Mike Crow, EPA consultant, to seek input on our methodology, pros and cons of winnowing down our post-certification inspection checklist, and comparative data sets for other states/sectors.
- Completed an online Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program (HWTR) “ShopTalk” newsletter article on ERP for posting to the HWTR Website.
- Partnered with the City of Seattle’s EPA Showcase Grant proposal to develop a “green business” recognition program
- Spokane EnviroStars Pilot: Reviewed initial pilot proposal and provided comments to the Spokane Regional Health Department, Spokane River Forum, City of Spokane, and EnviroStars to consider a new regional business certification program. We also discussed adding to the grant to provide financial support to the local entity to support the pilot.
- Completed a new website to support ERP technical assistance efforts as part of the Local Source Control website. The new pages will be posted by the end of the calendar year.
- Researched opportunities to focus on stormwater pollution prevention opportunities as part of the agency’s Reducing Toxic Threats initiative.
- Conducted new business sector outreach analysis, including a review of Ecology’s priority sectors list, chemicals of concern (copper, zinc, and lead), and Puget Sound concerns to help identify potential outreach opportunities.
- Promoted and participated in several webinars: Waterborne Paints (PPRC/EPA), Automobile Lifecycle (EPA), and IBM Green Business.
- Provided ERP information to John Dodge, Olympian Reporter, in prep for article on shop successfully using Waterborne paints.
- Arranged for and conducted successful meeting with John Anderson, NW PPG, regarding pilot update, new TA timeline, and collaborative outreach. PPG highly interested in collaboration--to support our efforts, and those of the Collision Repair

Campaign. Established collaborative training framework of dates and discussed possible expos and clinics in Spokane, N and S Puget Sound.

- Attended kick-off event for Puget Sound Starts Here Campaign.
- Attended EnviroStars Coop meeting—provided ERP update and obtained input on Spokane EStars Pilot proposal, local Specialist/Estar TA meetings, and self certification/site TA "how tos."
- Continued to provide ERP updates to Local Source Control Program (LSCP) Specialists and HWTR LSCP management team, and support to LSCP on linked tasks.
- In preparation for verification site visits to begin April-June 1010, worked to refine master list of shops, based on business and address corrections obtained during baseline visits and mail outs to shops in pilot area.

Washington State ERP Auto Body Universe & Self-Certifications Data (4/30/2009)

WA Auto Body ERP Pilot Universe - *501 (original universe was 788)

160 Baseline ERP Site Visits (152 checklists turned in)

Self-certification & EnviroStars Applications:

- 24 Non-applicability forms received
- 48 Self-certification checklists received
- 19 EnviroStars self-certification applications received

Task 1.1 – Environmental Results Program Pilot Team: This is an ongoing activity.

Commitment	Accomplishment
Review and update ERP materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A self-certification response letter was sent to facilities.
Establish data base needs and number/names of potential facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology entered the checklist data into an access data base to help with data analysis. • *Worked to refine master list of shops, based on business and address confirmations obtained during baseline visits and mail outs to shops in pilot area.
Conduct outreach with regional offices and Local Control Specialists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ERP Team meets weekly and participates in the bi-monthly Local Source Control (LSC) Specialists and Local Source Control Managers as required. • The LSC/ERP integration team has been working to further integrate both programs. Lisa Brown of the Eastern Regional Office was added to the team. .

Identify sector incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toxics in Stormwater - “priority pollutants and pathways” related to stormwater pollution. Copper and zinc appear to be metals of concern, in addition to PAHs, phalates, mercury, lead and PCBs.
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Task 1.2 – Trade Association & Partner Meetings: This task deliverable is completed, but additional outreach is ongoing with EPA Region 10, regional air authorities and other partners.

Commitment	Accomplishment
Conduct meetings with trade associations, and other partners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology’s HWTR program developed a <i>ShopTalk</i> online newsletter article on the updated ERP changes. • Ecology continues to meet with the EnviroStars cooperative. Ecology met with representatives from the Spokane region on the potential creation of a local EnviroStars business certification program. • Continued outreach with EPA’s Collision Repair Campaign, including establishing new educational outreach opportunities in collaboration with industry vendors.

Task 1.3 – Facility Universe: This task is completed.

Commitment	Accomplishment
Identify ERP facility universe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology continues to refine the ERP universe as the project moves through the technical assistance phase.

Task 1.4 – Staff Training: Ecology completed this task as scheduled. Details are:

Commitment	Accomplishment
Conduct ERP staff field training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auto body inspector training will be scheduled as needed in the Spring 2010.

Part 2 – Narrative Discussion

Task 1.1 – ERP Pilot Team:

Output/Performance Measure	Accomplishment
Final work plan for team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology is proposing to conduct the second round of verification site visits during April – June 2010.
Final guidance materials, including workbooks, checklists, certification forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed. Future materials will be developed as needed.

Incentives implemented for ERP phase of program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecology will be working on EnviroStar recognition as part of the next phase of the project.
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Task 1.2 – Trade Association Meetings: We completed the initial task, held continue to host additional partnership opportunities.

Output/Performance Measure	Accomplishment
Conduct at least two ERP meetings with trade associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing.

Task 1.3 – Facility Universe: This task is completed.

Output/Performance Measure	Accomplishment
Identify ERP facility universe, including number of businesses in universe and number of initial inspections required for statistically valid sample	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical assistance efforts will be extended and the self-certification to March 2010. Worked to refine master list of shops for verification site visits, based on business and address corrections obtained during baseline visits and mail outs to shops in pilot area.

Task 1.4 – Staff Training: This task is completed. Details are:

Output/Performance Measure	Accomplishment
Conduct ERP staff field training for 10 new staff and 30 existing field staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed

Part 4 – Financial Report

Attached is our State Innovation Grant budget status report through September 30, 2009.