

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: April 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008

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Summary of Activities

- Contractor delivered the 1st portion of the required upgrades for the automated measurement tools needed for the project analyses. (\$25,700 contact).
- MassDEP spent \$15,000 of its funds to increase user effectiveness of measurement automation tools. (This was unplanned additional state support for the project.) Expect these products by September 2008.
- Began the input of SQG data from project states into the database.
- Continued work on drafting final project report and organizing project information.
- Additional project information may be found at the NEWMOA website at <http://www.newmoa.org/hazardouswaste/measures>

Accomplishments and Problems

- Phase 3 – Data Collection and Transfer – Phase 3 is nearly complete for the small quantity generator sector.
- 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.
- It is planned to present the preliminary performance results for the SQG sector at the ERP National Meeting on September 8-9, 2008 in Reno Nevada.

Funds

- The project has expended approximately \$192,652 of grant funds through June 2008. As of the end of this quarter, no funding problems are identified to date or for the remainder of the project. The needed enhancements to the MassDEP automation measurement tools to support this project have been contracted with \$25,700 of SIG grant funds and \$15,000 of MassDEP funds.

Estimates

- PHASE 3 – DATA COLLECTION AND TRANSFER (2007 – 2008)
 - Data collection is complete and data input is anticipated to be complete in August 2008.

- PHASE 4 – DATA ANALYSIS AND REPORTING (2008 –2009)
- Anticipated project activities include:
 - Completing preliminary data analyses for the SQG sector in August 2008
 - Presenting the preliminary SQG performance results at the ERP National Meeting on September 8-9, 2008 in Reno, Nevada.
 - Presenting SQG performance results at the NEWMOA Directors Meeting on September 18-19, 2008 in Hampton, NH
 - Presenting SQG performance results within the participating project states, to various EPA offices and programs, and to other interested parties during late Fall and early Winter 2008.
 - Submitting Final Project Report to EPA in December 2008.
- 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.