

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)

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Summary of Activities

- States participating in the SQG sector continued field observation work and have submitted checklist data and certification to project data quality standards.
- Provided Project States with final draft outline for final project report and a draft SQG data analysis options document (January 22)
- Conducted Project States conference call to decide SQG analyses and review final draft outline for project report (January 29)
- Established the final auto body indicators (January 22)
- Conducted field staff training for auto body sector Project States (January 31)
- Conducted project team leaders meeting to prepare for lessons learned meetings (February 12)
- Conducted project lessons learned conference call with the states of CO, WA, CT, ME, MA and EPA. (March 12)
- Conducted project lessons learned face-to-face meeting in Sturbridge, MA for the states of NY, RI, NH, MA and EPA. (March 18)
- Reorganized and update project information on the NEWMOA website
- Issued \$25,700 contract for contractor services to upgrade automated measurement tools to allow for needed enhancements for the project.
- MassDEP spent \$15,000 of its funds to increase user effectiveness of measurement automation tools. (This was unplanned additional state support for the project.)
- Held numerous additional group and individual calls/meetings to support the activities above.
- 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 – is continuing 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

funding issues, NH may not be able to participate in the auto body sector as planned.

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.

Funds

- The project has expended approximately \$165,829 of grant funds through February 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 underway for the SQG sector and it is estimated to be complete by May 2008. Field observer training is completed in the auto body sector and field data collection is underway. Field data collection will extend beyond the end of the project.
- PHASE 4 – DATA ANALYSIS AND REPORTING (2008 –2009)
 - Anticipated project activities include:
 - Continuing briefings for NEWMOA Directors
 - Implementing the project data management strategy
 - Building new data management tools as necessary
 - Collecting, evaluating, aggregating and reporting initial data provided by states in the SQG sector
 - Collecting, organizing, analyzing, distributing and/or posting informational material
 - Organizing and supporting one or more live workshops/meetings associated with the above steps
 - Organizing and supporting 3-4 conference calls or more associated with the above steps
 - 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.