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**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
New Technology Research & Development (NTRD) Program
Monthly Project Status Report**

Contract Number: 582-5-65591-0003

Grantee: *The University of Texas at Austin*

Date Submitted: *May 10, 2005*

Report for the **Monthly** period:

Starting Date *April 1, 2005*

Ending Date *April 30, 2005*

Section I. Accomplishments (*Please provide a bulleted list of project accomplishments as well as a description of their importance to the project.*)

Summary of progress during reporting period:

- Offshore platform site identified
- Site access agreements for all land-based sites finalized
- Site operator sub-contract finalized

Activity during the reporting period focused on preparing monitoring sites along the Texas-Louisiana border (Task 1).

As noted in the previous progress reports, six measurement (6) sites for this project have been identified, two at the northern end of the eastern border of Texas, two in the central portion of the border, and two along the southern end of the border. These sites are:

Two (2) sites in northeast Texas (near Clarksville and just north of Texarkana)

Two sites in far eastern Texas (near San Augustine and Newton)

Two sites near the coast (near Smith Point and on an offshore platform in the Gulf)

During April, Vince Torres (UT) finalized site access agreements. After much searching for an offshore site, a candidate platform has been identified approximately 35 km off the Texas coast near Freeport. Negotiations are beginning to obtain access to that platform.

During this reporting period a sub-contract was finalized with the contractor who will operate the sites (Air Quality Solutions, Inc). Final approval by TCEQ of the AQSI subcontract has been requested.

Indicate which part of the Grant Activities as defined in the grant agreement, the above accomplishments are related to:

Task 1: Quantitatively characterize ozone entering the state by estimating the ozone flux at ground level

Section II: Problems/Solutions

<p>Problem(s) Identified</p> <p><i>(Please report anticipated or unanticipated problem(s) encountered and its effect on the progress of the project)</i></p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Proposed Solution(s)</p> <p><i>(Please report any possible solution(s) to the problem(s) that were considered/encountered)</i></p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Action(s) Conducted and Results</p> <p><i>(Please describe the action(s) taken to resolve the problem(s) and its effect)</i></p>	

Section III. **Goals and Issues for Succeeding Period:**

The primary goal during the next reporting period will be launching data collection at the 5 on-shore sites.

Date:5/10/05

Authorized Project Representative's Signature

NOTE: *Please attach any additional information that you feel should be a part of your report or that may be required to meet the deliverable requirements for tasks completed during this reporting period.*