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

Contract Number: 582-5-70807-M024

Grantee: SFA International, Inc.

Date Submitted: 06-Oct-05

Report for the **Monthly** period: September 2005

Starting Date: 20-May-05

Ending Date: 20-Nov-05 (20-Mar-06 Requested)

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

- We discussed this project with Michael Starr at Southwest Research Institute to develop a budget.
- Upon receipt of notification of the grant in April, we notified Starr and requested a proposal.
- In July, we began discussions with the University of Houston as an alternative site for testing.
- In August, we met Magdi Khair of SwRI at the 11th Diesel Environmental Emissions Reduction Conference in Chicago. He agreed to expedite obtaining a proposal from SwRI.
- We met with Khair and Robert Fannick 01-Sep. A proposal has been developed, submitted to Kate Williams and Morris Brown at TCEQ. It has been revised once and a second revision has been submitted to SwRI.
- I will be in contact with Robert Fannick to expedite the second revision.
- It is noted that the test costs will be about one-half of the budget for the project. This was caused by poor estimates originally given to us by Michael Starr.

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

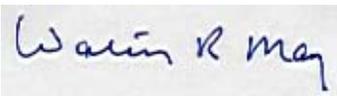
- Development of the testing proposal with SwRI.

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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of response from SwRI. This problem is now solved.
<p>Proposed Solution(s)</p> <p><i>(Please report any possible solution(s) to the problem(s) that were considered/encountered)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We sought alternative people at SwRI who were able to assist us with the proposal.
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established rapport with Robert Fannick.• SwRI has submitted a proposal and one revision to SFA and TCEQ for approval.• A 2nd revision request from TCEQ has been returned to Fannick and SwRI for modification.• We expect to receive this second modification in the next few days and will submit to TCEQ for final approval.

Section III. Goals and Issues for Succeeding Period: *(Please provide a brief description of the goal(s) you hope to realize in the coming period and identify any notable challenges that can be foreseen)*

- Receive final approval from TCEQ to go ahead with testing at SwRI.
- SFA will pay SwRI for the test work and get in line for testing.
- SwRI will carry out the testing when time is available. We expect this will be before the end of 2005.



Walter R. May

Date: September 6, 2005

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.*