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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 *March 1, 2005*

Ending Date *March 31, 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:

- Specific measurement sites identified (except for offshore platform)
- Negotiation of site access agreements continued
- Equipment ordered
- Subcontractor identified and sub-contract negotiations begun

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 March, Vince Torres (UT) finalized site locations and continued the process of negotiating site access agreements. For the offshore site, discussions continued with offshore rig operating companies and the Mineral Management Service (MMS) to identify candidate platforms.

During this reporting period, orders were issued for the equipment necessary for the sites; measurement equipment delivery is anticipated in mid-May. UT/NTRD project staff identified a contractor to operate the sites. Negotiations began on a sub-contract with the contractor (Air Quality Solutions, Inc).

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><i>The identification of the location of the off shore site and the instrumentation for the site was not resolved during this reporting period.</i></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><i>Discussions continued with TCEQ, off shore rig operating companies and the Mineral Management Service (MMS) to identify candidate platforms.</i></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 goals for the next reporting period will be:

- Identify offshore platform site
- Finalize negotiation of site access agreements
- Finalize sub-contract negotiations

_____ Date: 5/10/05

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.*