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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Period Ending October 15, 2006

Task Agreement Number FAA010017
Assessing Factors Contributing to Dust Emissions from Public Lands
On Air Quality in Areas of Clark County, Nevada

Executive Summary

- Hiring of post-doctoral scholar completed.
- Modification to task agreement approved.

Hiring

As noted in our last quarterly report, the search for a post-doctoral scholar to direct the dust emissions research commenced in December 2005 and continued through Spring 2006. The university has hired a highly qualified applicant with extensive experience in dust emissions research, Dr. Dirk Goossens, who lives in Belgium and will require a visa in order to work in the United States. The paperwork to secure his J-1 visa is in progress. Dr. Goossens' anticipated start date is now February 1, 2007.

Task Agreement Extension

Also as noted in our last quarterly report, the university submitted a formal modification to the task agreement to allow a no-cost time extension due to the delays in hiring the post-doctoral scholar. The modification was signed on June 5, 2006, by the Bureau of Land Management, which extends the agreement by one year, through 10/21/08. This will allow Dr. Goossens approximately two years to complete the deliverables once his employment commences.

Because Dr. Goossens is not yet on board, no work has yet commenced on the project.

Submitted by:

Project Administrator

October 15, 2006
Date