

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

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AID/ASIA Liaison Officer: Molly Kux, Bureau Environmental Coordinator, ASIA/DR/TR

Reporting Period: February 1992 - June 1992 (in lieu of report covering February-April and extending two months to bring reporting up to date)

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ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN THIS REPORTING PERIOD**TASK A TECHNICAL SUPPORT****Task A - Environmental Protection Specialist**
Holly Welles

During the reporting period, Ms Welles continued to advise, as necessary, on activities related to the United States-Asia Environmental Partnership (US-AEP). She provided technical assistance in preparing scopes of work for US-AEP activities.

Ms Welles drafted the Asia Bureau Environmental Strategy and edited the Agency and Research and Development Bureau Environmental Strategies.

Ms Welles reviewed two Environmental Assessments (EAs) and roughly 30 Initial Environmental Examinations (IEEs) for USAID projects. She coordinated with World Bank and World Resources on proposed Asia Region Environmental Assessment Study.

She also assisted with coordination of World Environment Center and USAID sponsored study tours for foreign diplomats and business officials.

During June, the last month of the reporting period, Ms Welles traveled to India and the Philippines. In India, she assisted the Trade in Environmental Services and Technology Project (TEST) Design Team with preparation of the final project paper and with drafting of the Environmental Analysis and Social Soundness Analysis.

In the Philippines, Ms Welles participated in a three-day Consultative Forum on the Implementation of Republic Act 6969, the "Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990". She advised on the follow-up Waste Inventory and Minimization Workshops, elaborated on the draft action plan for proposed technical assistance by a representative from the Massachusetts' Office of Technical Assistance, and identified key issues regarding the draft NRMP Environmental Assessment Strategy. She also identified key issues requiring immediate attention of the Bureau Environment Coordinator.

Task A - Junior Environmental Specialist
Alise Laroche

Ms Laroche joined Development Technologies' staff June 24, 1992. She began data collection activities related to preparation of natural resource country profiles for selected Southeast Asian countries.

Task A - Junior Environmental Specialist
Jennifer Bravinder

Ms Bravinder joined Development Technologies' staff June 29, 1992. She performed support activities for ASIA/DR/TR including: review of agency procedures for tracking, assessing, and responding to IEEs and EAs; and review and distribution of incoming cables and correspondence to environment staff in ASIA/DR/TR.

Task A - Junior Environmental Specialist
Michelle Rodrigo

Ms Rodrigo supported ASIA/DR/TR with data input services in relation to establishment and maintenance of a database containing IEE and EA information.

Task A - Junior Environmental Specialist
Lori Freer

Ms Freer continued to provide support in relation to the Environmental Training Project (ETP) and general support to EUR/DR/ENR.

In February, Ms Freer traveled to Romania to participate in the joint USAID/EPA/WB/EC Environment Mission. She met with Romanian government officials regarding nature

protection management and the role of non-governmental organizations in environmental policy.

From mid April through mid May, Ms Freer was on travel status in Bulgaria, Romania, and Hungary where she participated in the development of the Environmental Training Project activities in those countries.

Ms Freer's employment with Development Technologies terminated on May 10, 1992.

Task A - Junior Environmental Specialist

Matthew Auer

Mr. Auer joined Development Technologies June 1, 1992, to replace Lori Freer as Junior Environmental Specialist. His activities during the month of June include the following support to EUR/DR/ENR.

Mr. Auer communicated with USAID/Poland to determine its role in the Decentralization and Local Government Environmental Services Project. He also coordinated with the Office of Housing and Urban Programs and the Bureau for Europe's Democratic Pluralism Initiatives Division on decentralization activities in Poland.

Mr. Auer communicated with various bilateral and multilateral donors to determine counterpart environmental priorities in Eastern and Central Europe. He composed and submitted a critique of the World Resources report, "Eyeless in Gaia" to the World Resources Institute.

Mr. Auer initiated travel plans, agenda, clearance cable, and other administrative aspects of donor coordination and environmental assistance meetings in Tallinn and Helsinki. He reviewed relevant documents on environmental conditions and programs in Estonia.

Mr. Auer assisted in filling a request by USAID/Hungary for comprehensive collection of environmental action documents related to Hungary. He worked with Baltic Desk Officers to determine the status of environmental agreements between AID and counterparts in Latvia. Mr. Auer prepared a critique of a report on ecological risk in Tetouan, Morocco and coordinated with the Office of Housing and Urban Programs on follow-up steps.

TASK B DESIGN SUPPORT

Task B - Preparation of Project Paper International Resources Group

This task was completed in a previous reporting period.

Task B - Commercial Environmental Analyst
Kenneth Macek

This task was completed in a previous reporting period.

Task B - Danube Project Design Study Team
Harold J. Day/Blair T. Bower/Frank R. Rijsberman

This task was completed during a previous reporting period.

TASK C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Task C - Administrative Assistant
Ramiro Martinez

This task was completed during a previous reporting period.

Task C - Project Support
Suzanne Wilcox

Ms. Wilcox's activities during the reporting period included personnel recruitment and management of human resources issues, as well as resolution of contractual issues as required.

TASK D EVALUATION OF URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Task D - Evaluation of Urban Environmental Issues
Carl Mitchell, SAIC

This task was completed during a previous reporting period.

TASK E ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

Task E - Environmental Reviews
Jim Tarrant

Mr. Tarrant's activities during the reporting period were divided between Near East and Asia Bureau support. For the Near East Bureau, he revised and wrote selected pieces for the Mission Environmental Officer's Handbook and Sourcebook on AID Environmental Regulations. Mr. Tarrant reviewed all Near East Bureau records to update information on

IEEs which the Agency is legally required to maintain in accurate, up-to-date format. He set up a new template and set of IEE/EA log-ins and a tracking system which was approved by the PIE Division.

Mr. Tarrant undertook the following regulatory activities:

- Review and comment of three sub-projects/documents for the Oman Water Resources Development Project.
- Draft PIO(T) for the North Africa Environmental Risk Conference, Summer, 1992.
- Review and comment on the Alexandria Sludge Disposal Sub-Project of the Canal Cities Project.
- Review and comment on the IEE for the Egyptian Cotton Gin Project.

In addition, Mr. Tarrant assisted with tracking the development of GEF projects for the Bureau, including participation in inter-agency project review meetings.

In support of the Asia Bureau, Mr. Tarrant supported the US-AEP as chair of the Working Group on Fellowships and Training organizing the participation of about 14 Federal agencies in the design of these two components of the US-AEP. He also drafted much of the design.

Regulatory activities for the Asia Bureau included reviews, correspondence, and suggested changes for a number of proposed projects, including:

- Sri Lankan Pineapple Nursery Project SOW for an EA.
- Philippines GSC Fish Port and APC EA.
- Aurora Roads Project IEE.
- Five PCIS sub-project IEEs.
- Philippines Mt. Pinatubo PCIS sub-project.
- Afghan agricultural project and health project IEE.
- Sri Lankan Pineapple EA.
- Baluchistan Roads EA.

Task E - Environmental Reviews
Bob Gould, SAIC

This effort was completed during a previous reporting period.

ACTIVITIES ANTICIPATED DURING NEXT REPORTING PERIOD (Jul-Sep 1992)

TASK A TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Task A - Environmental Protection Specialist
Holly Welles

During the next reporting period, Ms. Welles' activities are planned to include the following:

- Cover the Bureau Environmental Coordinator's responsibilities while she is on TDY from mid-July to mid-August.
- Continue to review IEEs and EAs.
- Continue to advise, when necessary, on US-AEP related activities.
- Continue coordination with WEC activities and Regional Environmental Assessment study.

Task A - Junior Environmental Specialist
Alise Laroche

Ms Laroche will continue with research and writing to develop natural resource country profiles for selected Southeast Asian countries.

Task A - Junior Environmental Specialist
Jennifer Bravinder

Ms Bravinder will assist with the review of and response to incoming IEEs and EAs; maintain IEE and EA files, both hard-copy and electronic; assist with development of a database for IEE/EA recordkeeping and reporting; update the ENV Program Database from Annual Budget Submission files; and sort and respond to incoming cables and correspondence for the ASIA/DR/TR staff.

Task A - Junior Environmental Specialist
Michelle Rodrigo

Ms Rodrigo will continue to provide data entry support for the IEE/EA database.

Task A - Junior Environmental Specialist
Lori Freer

This task was completed during a previous reporting period.

Task A - Junior Environmental Specialist
Matthew Auer

Mr. Auer will continue his technical support activities to EUR/DR/ENR.

TASK B DESIGN SUPPORT

Task B - Preparation of Project Paper
International Resources Group

This effort was completed during a previous reporting period.

Task B - Commercial Environmental Analyst
Kenneth Macek

This effort was completed during a previous reporting period.

Task B - Danube Project Design Study Team
Harold J. Day/Blair T. Bower/Frank R. Rijsberman

This effort was completed during a previous reporting period.

TASK C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Task C - Administrative Assistant
Ramiro Martinez

This effort was completed during a previous reporting period.

Task C - Project Support
Suzanne Wilcox

Ms. Wilcox plans the following activities during the next reporting period:

- Continue contractual and human resources activities as required.
- Attend staff meetings as required.

TASK D EVALUATION OF URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Task D - Evaluation of Urban Environmental Issues
Carl Mitchell, SAIC

This effort was completed during a previous reporting period.

TASK E ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

Task E - Environmental Reviews
Jim Tarrant

During the next reporting period, Mr. Tarrant expects activities in the following area:

- Continue support of Near East and Asia Bureaux as required.
- Assist with backstopping Asia Bureau's Environmental Coordinator during her TDY mid-July through mid-August.

Task E - Environmental Reviews
Bob Gould, SAIC

This effort was completed during a previous reporting period.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPECTED IN NEXT 60 DAYS

Matthew Auer Estonia (July)

ISSUES/PROBLEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS

None

DELIVERABLE SCHEDULE

| <u>Task</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Deliverable</u> | <u>Due Date</u> | <u>Date Delivered</u> |
|-------------|--|---|-----------------|-----------------------|
| A | Welles | Draft SOW for WRI Cooperative Agreement Draft SOW for WEC Cooperative Agreement Draft SOW for WWF Cooperative Agreement Initial draft of the proposed Alliance for the Environment in Asia Draft SOW for India Mission's Trade in Environmental Services Project | | |
| A | Freer | Trip Report on Environ- mental NGOs in Bulgaria | 7/31/91 | 7/31/91 |
| | | Trip Report on Follow-up trip to Bulgaria (Nature Protection Management) | 10/30/91 | 10/30/91 |
| | | Trip Report-Bulgaria/Hungary | 2/15/92 | 2/15/92 |
| A | Laroche | Country Profiles -Cambodia | 9/25/92 | |
| B | Macek | 3 Country Reports/ 1 Consolidated Report | 12/31/91 | 12/31/91 |
| B | Danube Project Design Study Team | Final Report | 8/30/91 | 8/28/91 |
| C | Wilcox | Progress Report (Oct-Apr) | | 7/5/91 |
| | | Progress Report (May-Jul) | 8/31/91 | 9/12/91 |
| | | Progress Report (Aug-Oct) | 11/30/91 | 12/20/91 |
| | | Progress Report (Nov-Jan) | 2/28/92 | 5/12/92 |
| | | Progress Report (Feb-Apr) | 5/31/92 | N/A |
| | | Progress Report (Feb-Jun) | 8/31/92 | 8/21/92 |
| | | Final Report (Jul-Sep) | 11/15/92 | |
| D | SAIC/ Mitchell | Trip report - Czechoslovakia | 9/20/91 | 9/20/91 |
| | | Trip report - Hungary | 10/21/91 | 10/21/91 |
| | | Trip report - Bulgaria | 10/21/91 | 10/21/91 |

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| E | Tarrant | Draft PIO/Ts for: | | |
| | | -National Park Service | | |
| | | Eastern Europe Parks | | |
| | | Training | 6/30/91 | 6/30/91 |
| | | -Danube River Basin | | |
| | | Regional Cooperation | 6/30/91 | 6/30/91 |
| | | Environmental Guidance for: | | |
| | | -Morocco Soil and Water | | |
| | | Conservation | 7/91 | 7/91 |
| | | -West Bank and Gaza PVO | | |
| | | Projects (12 projects) | 8/91 | |
| | | -Romanian Groundwater | | |
| | | Drilling | 5/91 | 5/91 |
| | | -Philippines Capital Infra- | | |
| | | structure Project | 5/91 | 5/91 |
| | | | 8/91 | |
| | | -Philippines Agribusiness | | |
| | | Systems Assistance | 5/91 | 5/91 |
| | | -Philippines Local Infra- | | |
| | | structure Project | 5/91 | 5/91 |
| | | | 8/91 | |
| | | Mission Environmental Officer's | | |
| | | Handbook on AID Environmental | | |
| | | Regulations and Policy | | |
| | | Guidance | 7/91 | 3/92 |
| | | Environmental review and | | |
| | | comment for Philippines | | |
| | | MAI Projects (3 projects) | 11/31/91 | |
| | | -Philippines Magat Bridge IEE | | 12/91 |
| | | -Philippines Makar Wharf EA (MDP Program) | | 8/91 |
| | | -Philippines GSC Airport EA (MDP Program) | | 10/91 |
| | | -Philippines GSC Agro-Processing/ | | |
| | | Fish Port EA | | 2/92 |
| | | Environmental Guidance for: | | |
| | | -Oman Water Resources Proj. | | |
| | | EAs & Masterplan Reviews | | 3/92 |