The National contracts for the purchase of <u>single channel</u>, <u>sequential</u>, <u>speciation</u>, and <u>portable audit samplers</u> for a national PM_{2.5} monitoring network were awarded on 03/25/98. The contractors receiving awards are as follows:

<u>Single Channel Monitors</u>...BGI, Graseby-Anderson, Rupprecht & Patshnick Co., Thermo Environmental Instruments, and URG.

<u>Sequential Monitors</u>...Graseby-Anderson, Rupprecht & Patshnick Co., Thermo Environmental Instruments, and URG.

Speciation Monitors...Graseby-Anderson, URG, and Met-One Instruments

Portable Audit Samplers...BGI, Graseby-Anderson, and Rupprecht & Patshnick Co.

As of this date, none of the monitors have received an EPA designation. When a monitor is designated, a notice will be published in the Federal register and also posted on AMTIC.