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The following are the activities conducted in the month of April. They fall under Task 1 (Continuation of Work in Ghana), Task 2 (Replication / Expansion of the Ghana model to the rest of West Africa) and Task 4 (work on redesigning the New Era program schedule partly to better incorporate Smart Development concepts).

- UT Office of Sponsored Programs finalized the subcontract. RCEER is organizing an Advisory Board meeting to discuss the subcontract. (Task 1)
- CEE continued to work on further incorporation of Smart Development concepts into the New Era program. As part of this effort, CEE is working on a white paper and a presentation, and is putting together a list of presenters on smart development issues. These will be speakers different than the ones we invited in the past couple of years. As such, we believe that we are covering a wide range of opinions and experiences on these issues. We intend to use this knowledge to develop a draft smart development tool kit. (Task 4)
- CEE and NARUC finalized the scope of work for WARP. (Task 2)
- Mr. Essandoh-Yeddu and Dr. Gülen started work on a paper about the economics of the Tema LDC. (Task 1)
- Mr. Essandoh-Yeddu continued with his work on CO₂ modeling project with Dr. Sue Hovorka, Dr. Ian Duncan and Ms. Vanessa Nunez-Lopez, and also developed a model for the FutureGen plant. Dr. Gülen provides assistance as needed. (Task 1)

Next steps
- Once the subcontract is signed, RCEER will:
  - publish its information flyer
  - implement the public survey on natural gas
  - publish Natural Gas Primer in book form