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The following are the activities conducted in the month of February.

- The Resource Center delivered a presentation by Dr. Gülen of UH IELE on US and other country experience with petroleum regulation and deregulation at the petroleum deregulation workshop organized by the Energy Ministry during February 9-10, 2005. Dr. Gülen was invited by the Ministry but not able to attend when the workshop was rescheduled from January 24-25 to February 9-10.

- The Resource Center started writing the first draft of the Natural Gas Primer. The target date for completion and educational forum is March 31. UH IELE is assisting with the writing and editing of the primer.

- UH IELE recruited two more delegates for the May 2005 session of its capacity-building program, *New Era in Oil, Gas & Power Value Creation*: Mr. Joseph Essandoh-Yeddu from the Energy Commission and Mr. Ezekiel Attuquaye Clottey from the Resource Center at ISSER. The EC is an important entity in the Ghanaian energy sector. Mr. Essandoh-Yeddu’s attendance will offer UH IELE an opportunity to work with EC more closely and promote its support of the Resource Center. Mr. Clottey is currently the assistant to the Resource Center Coordinator, Mr. Felix Asante; he is expected to write a Ph.D. dissertation on energy issues and continue working at the Resource Center. As such, he is important to the sustainability of the Center.

- UH IELE started making arrangements for the travel of two delegates.

- UH IELE has been communicating with Ms. Eline Okudzeto and Mr. Kwabena Appenteng from the USAID Mission in Accra regarding the selection of New Era participants as well as other grant activities in Ghana that may be beneficial for the UH IELE – Resource Center effort.

**Next steps**

Actions expected in the next couple of months include:

- Completion of the Natural Gas Primer.
- Preparations for the Educational Forum on Natural Gas (which will be held upon completion of the Natural Gas Primer)