FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Hammonds Paul A						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol QUANEX CORP [ NX ]									Check	all app Dired	olicable)		ssuer Owner (specify
(Last) 1900 WE SUITE 1		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2005										X	belov	w) ``	p. Developm	)` '			
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77027 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Dat			Transaction Dispo			urities Acquired (A) sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			4 and Se Be Ov		ount of ities icially d Following ted	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Code	v	Amount		A) or D)	Price	Tran		action(s) 3 and 4)					
Common Stock 03/3						1/2005		04/01/2005			0.492	2	A	\$53.79		431.315		D	
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ative Conversion Date Execution Date or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			rative rities ired r osed )	Expirati (Month/	Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Date Expiration Exercisable			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares			rice of vative urity r. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Acquired through Quanex Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Terry M. Murphy, Power of <u>Attorney</u>

04/01/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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