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* BAYLES MICHAEL R						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUANEX CORP [NX]									(Check all ap		licable)	g Person(s) to Issu 10% Own Other (sp		wner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/08/2005										X Officer (give title below) Senior VP-Building P				below)	
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77027 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										5. Indi\ ₋ine) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable 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. Transact Date (Month/Date)						Executio			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount		A) or D)			Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(IIISU. 4)
Common Stock 09/08/2						005			S		1,600	D \$6		2.1	17,832.1057			D		
Common Stock 09/08/2					2005				S		1,629		D	\$62.176		16,203.1057			D	
Common Stock 09/08/2					2005				S		0.9609		D	\$62.176		16,202.1448			D	
Common Stock 09/08/2					2005				S		100		D	\$62.2		16,102.1448]	D	
Common Stock 09/08/2					2005				S	s 20			D	\$62.2		15,902.1448			D	
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deen Executio if any (Month/D	n Date,	Transaction Code (Instr.)		of		6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		e	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Ins and 4)			Deri Seci	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	Ow For Dir or (I)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code V	,	(A)		Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Nu of	mber ares						

Explanation of Responses:

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

09/09/2005

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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