SEC Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
MURPHY TERRY M	QUANEX CORP [NX]	

(Last)	(First)	(Middle)

1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH

SUITE 1500

(Street)

HOUSTON	TX	77027

(City)	(State)	(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/09/2003

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

	Director		10% Owner
X	Officer (give title below)		Other (specify below)

Vice President & CFO

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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	12/09/2003		M		3,334	A	$28.5	8,568.642	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2003		M		3,334	A	$21.125	11,902.642	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2003		S		2,700	D	$41.46	9,202.642	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2003		S		1,800	D	$41.55	7,402.642	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2003		S		245	D	$41.56	7,157.642	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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$18.1875							10/27/2000	10/26/2010	Common Stock	25,000		25,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$21.125	12/09/2003		M[1]			3,334	10/21/2000	10/20/2009	Common Stock	3,334	$0	10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$26							10/24/2002	10/23/2011	Common Stock	25,000		25,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$28.5	12/09/2003		M[1]			3,334	07/01/1999	07/01/2009	Common Stock	3,334	$0	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$32							12/05/2003	12/04/2012	Common Stock	25,000		25,000	D	
Phantom Stock Units	$0							12/06/2001	08/08/1988	Common Stock	12,118		12,118	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Options exercised under the Quanex Corporation 1996 Employee Stock Option Plan.

Terry M Murphy   12/11/2003

** 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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