ARREDONDO RICARDO

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ARREDONDO RICARDO

QUANEX CORP [NX]

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2004

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

1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 1500

(Street)

(First)

(Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Vice President - Controller 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

HOUSTON, TX 77027

(State) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Code (Instr. 8)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

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(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	3)	Acquired (A) o Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)))				
			Code	V	(A) (I	D) [Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ai Nu Sh
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.3667						02/26/2003	02/26/2013	Common Stock	6
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.4						12/04/2004	12/03/2013	Common Stock	1
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)	12/01/2004	A		2,508.45		12/01/2004(3)	08/08/1988(3)	Common Stock	2,

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ARREDONDO RICARDO 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 HOUSTON, TX 77027

Vice President - Controller

Signatures

Terry M. Murphy, Power of Attorney 01/10/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Units that are credited to the participants account under the Quanex Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of the participant's deferral of income or fees, as the case may be.
- (2) Conversion price is 1-for-1.

All units credited under the Deferred Compensation Plan are 100% vested at all times; provided, however, that if a participant receives a benefit from the Deferred Compensation Plan for any reason other than death, disability or retirement within three years after a deferral is

(3) credited to a participant's account, any matching awards made by the Company with respect to such deferral will be forfeited.

Distributions under the Deferred Compensation Plan are made beginning on a specified date selected bythe participant or upon a participant's death, disability, or termination of employment.

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