QUANEX CORP Form 4 April 04, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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)

(Last)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MURPHY TERRY M

(First) (Middle)

1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE

1500

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77027

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

QUANEX CORP [NX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

03/31/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

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

below)

Senior VP-Finance and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Person

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

> 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Code (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Form: Direct (T) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

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

7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Sh |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 12.125 | | | | 10/27/2000 | 10/26/2010 | Common Stock | 37, |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 17.3333 | | | | 10/24/2002 | 10/23/2011 | Common Stock | 37,: |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 21.3333 | | | | 12/05/2003 | 12/04/2012 | Common Stock | 32,: |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 26.4 | | | | 12/04/2004 | 12/03/2013 | Common Stock | 15, |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 39.4667 | | | | 12/01/2005 | 12/01/2014 | Common Stock | 21, |
| Phantom Stock Units (1) | \$ 0 (2) | 03/31/2005 | A | 70.419 | 03/31/2005(3) | 08/08/1988(3) | Common Stock | 70. |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
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MURPHY TERRY M 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 HOUSTON, TX 77027

Senior VP-Finance and CFO

Signatures

Units (1)

Terry M Murphy 04/04/2005

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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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 participant's account under the Quanex Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of Dividend Reinvestment.
- (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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