

## Dry Cleaning Machine Decommissioning – Best Practices

- Inform the North Carolina Dry Cleaning Solvent Cleanup Act (NCDSCA) Compliance Unit by completing and mailing in the “Facility Status/Change of Ownership Notification” detachable postcard found in each yearly compliance calendar. Two weeks prior to the decommissioning and removal of the machine, contact the NC DSCA Compliance Program by email at [eric.swope@ncdenr.gov](mailto:eric.swope@ncdenr.gov), in writing at DSCA Compliance Program, Attn: Eric Swope, Mail Service Center 1646, Raleigh, NC 27699-1646, or by calling 919-218-2683. Include the following information:
  - ❖ Name and contact information of the dry-cleaning facility
  - ❖ Name and contact information of the equipment company that is conducting the decommissioning.
  - ❖ Name of the waste transporter and destination location of the dry-cleaning machine. *NOTE: NO 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation machine can be reinstalled at a virgin location in North Carolina.*
- Use only a company or individual that is experienced in decommissioning and removal of dry cleaning machines and their ancillary equipment.
- Contact a waste transportation company and arrange for the appropriate number of hazardous waste containers to be delivered onsite prior to initiating the decommissioning.

15A NCAC 02S .0202 (b)(1) states, “At no time shall any dry-cleaning solvent, wastes containing dry-cleaning solvent, or water containing dry-cleaning solvent be discharged onto land or into waters of the State, sanitary sewers, storm drains, floor drains, septic systems, boilers, or cooling- towers.” To prevent discharges and properly manage solvents or wastes recovered during decommissioning, follow these steps:

- Pump out all solvent, contact water and waste from the dry-cleaning machine and still.
- Containerize waste and contact water in waste drums and label appropriately.
- Disconnect power to the dry-cleaning machine.
- After removing dry-cleaning solvent from the machine, allow all filters to drain in their housing or other sealed container for a minimum of 24 hours prior to disposal.
- Containerize filters in hazardous waste filter drums with proper labelling.
- If solvent is recovered, it must be placed in a drum, labelled and placarded before delivery to another store. Documentation such as a manifest must indicate the amount of solvent and the location and name of the store the solvent was removed from and the location and name of the store the solvent was delivered.
- Open and wipe down solvent tanks after solvent has been removed using rags or other absorbent material to recover any residual solvent (containerize these cleaning materials as hazardous waste also). Clean and dry all metal surfaces of the equipment that have been in contact with solvent, waste, or contact water.