

**Minutes**  
**September 25, 2012**

**DRY-CLEANING SOLVENT CLEANUP ACT (DSCA) PROGRAM**  
**STAKEHOLDER WORK GROUP MEETING**

**I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Pete Doorn opened the meeting with general comments. Attendees introduced themselves and the sign-in roster was circulated. The following individuals were present:

Christopher T. Edwards	A Cleaner World
Rita Foley	White Star Cleaners - NCALC
Rob MacWilliams	URS
Mike Ranck	URS
Laura Powers	Withers & Ravenel
Chan Bryant	Withers & Ravenel
Brian Bellis	Withers & Ravenel
Ross Perry	Withers & Ravenel
Genna Olson	ATC Associates
Kevin Sommers	ATC Associates
Meghan Greiner	ATC Associates
Brian Ray	AECOM
Kathy Roush	AMEC
Katie Watkins	AMEC
Jeff Tyburski	Mid-Atlantic Associates
Christie Zawtock	Hart & Hickman
Henry Jones	Counsel to NCALC
James Joyner	Solutions – IES
Cate Landry	BB&T
Jack Butler	NC Division of Waste Management – Superfund Section
Pete Doorn	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Delonda Alexander	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Dianne Thomas	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Billy Meyer	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Jay King	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Mike Cunningham	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Patrick Watters	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Nancy Dunn	NC Attorney General's Office
Tony Pendola	NC DENR EAP

## **I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Pete Doorn welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the March meeting and June update were then brought up and approved.

## **II. Staff**

Mr. Doorn mentioned that Ms. Delonda Alexander had recently accepted the position of DSCA Remediation Unit Supervisor. He also introduced Mr. Patrick Watters and explained that Mr. Watters will be working half-time with the DSCA Remediation Unit managing projects and half-time with the Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) program.

## **III. DSCA Fund Statistics**

The Fund Statistics handout for fiscal year 2011 – 2012 was passed around and briefly discussed. Mr. Doorn stated that receipts were slightly higher than disbursements. Disbursements are currently approximately \$8 million, but Mr. Doorn explained that the program is waiting for approval to encumber an additional \$1 million. On a quarterly basis, the March – June receipts were down approximately three percent due to less solvent tax intake and the interest was also down. Mr. Doorn explained that disbursements have increased significantly during this time frame (approximately 70 percent) due to a significant increase in the number of sites moving into the remediation phase. Overall, though, through the fiscal year disbursements have been down somewhat which has caused a slight net increase in the fund balance. Mr. Doorn stated that this fiscal year's fund information will be summarized in the DSCA Annual Report which will be submitted to the Legislature.

## **IV. Site Work**

Mr. Doorn stated that the Dan Meigs Cleaners site is the latest site closure, making for a total of twenty-seven (27) sites that have now been closed, with twenty-one (21) more in cue for closure.

Two new DSCA State Lead contracts, which have been in the works, have unfortunately been temporarily delayed by a requirement for electronic submittal. The Section currently does not have the necessary software or training to use the software in order to complete the contract submittal. Mr. Doorn said this hopefully should be sorted out soon.

The waterline extension for Smitty's Cleaners is nearly complete. This will provide municipal water for approximately fourteen to sixteen residences that had water supply well impacts. The BB&T Cleaners site in Durham has had the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) implemented, which included soil excavation, Daramend emplacement, and stone and soil backfill. Mr. Doorn also indicated that additional information regarding the BB&T site is available online on the DSCA website.

Mr. Doorn then stated that starting with this meeting the stakeholder meetings would now include a brief presentation of a remedial action success story by one of the state lead contractors. He then introduced Ms. Genna Olson, who stated that she would be describing a phyto-remediation project completed at the Pinehurst Hotel Cleaners in the Village of Pinehurst. Ms. Olson went on to describe the contaminant release and the work that they did, part of which

included planting of poplar and willow trees in order to reduce contaminant flux into a nearby stream. The work was done in close cooperation with the municipal government of Village of Pinehurst, who were very pleased with the final results.

## **V. Compliance**

Mr. Doorn stated that there is currently one enforcement action for \$13,000 against Piedmont Cleaners in Catawba County. The penalty is for NESHAP violations and lack of spill containment for the machine and solvent storage area (despite several warnings from DSCA). Rita Foley asked if they were still out of compliance and Mr. Doorn responded that their current compliance status has not been investigated but that they have 60 days to come into compliance, at which point they will be re-checked.

## **VI. Other Issues**

Jeff Tyburski asked about where the DSCA State Lead contracts would be announced and if it would be on the DSCA website. Mr. Doorn stated that it would be through the usual E-Procurement route, but that they would see about the possibility of putting an announcement on the DSCA website also.

Delonda Alexander then mentioned that the site prioritization scheme was being revamped in order to make it more accurate and representative. Additionally, she stated that the DSCA risk assessment procedure was also being re-done due to changes in toxicity values and to make it more streamlined.

Someone then asked about the Alternative Solvent Study Workgroup and Jack Butler stated that due to other higher priority items it is in essentially the same place as it was at the last meeting. Chris Edwards then went on to briefly discuss some of the impetus behind the study and what the current state of affairs in industry is with various alternative solvents. He also stated that sales of new perc machines has very significantly declined and overall the industry is moving away from perc based dry-cleaning.

Kevin Summers then mentioned a hotel he saw in Chicago that still did their own dry-cleaning onsite and asked about how common that is. Mr. Edwards stated that it used to be more prevalent but now it is fairly rare.

Ms. Alexander then asked Mr. Edwards about spotting agents and if they still commonly contain perc. Mr. Edwards stated that in general the industry is moving away from the use of perc based spotting agents as well.

## **VII. Next Work Group Meeting**

The next stakeholder meeting was set for Tuesday, March 19th at 10:00 am and the meeting was then adjourned.