

Minutes
September 10, 2015

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 later circulated. The following individuals were present:

Rob MacWilliams	URS
Carlin Slusher	URS
Chris Edwards	NCALC
Fred Miller	NCALC
Larry Hinline	AMEC Foster Wheeler
Mack Davis	NCALC
Rita Foley	NCALC
Joe Steele	NCALC
Michael Jordan	Terracon
Brian Ray	AECOM
Michael Dail	Terracon
Rick Kane	NCALC
Lou Zeller (via phone)	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
Laura Drey (via phone)	Interested Citizen
Kevin Sommers	ATC Associates
Genna Olson	ATC Associates
Christie Zawtocky	Hart & Hickman
Joe Starr	Hart & Hickman
Jillian Totman	NCALC
Tony Pendola	NC DENR Small Business Ombudsman
Michael Scott	NC Division of Waste Management
Jim Bateson	NC Division of Waste Management – Superfund Section
Pete Doorn	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Eric Swope	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
Al Chapman	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
Scott Stupak	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program

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

II. Regulatory Updates

Mr. Doorn stated that there is no current regulatory news at this time. From previous regulatory news he reiterated that a statutory change diverting DSCA fund interest to the general fund was in place and interest income will soon be nil. The rule review process for the new DSCA rules is complete, and the next step will be to discuss rule re-adoption options with senior management after on-going legislative activity ends.

III. DSCA Fund Statistics

The Fund Statistics handout for fiscal year 2014 – 2015 (current as of 6/30/15) was summarized and discussed. Mr. Doorn stated that solvent tax receipts were down approximately \$60,000 and sales tax receipts were down approximately \$7,000. However, petitioner payments were up about \$100,000 over the previous year. Hazardous waste fees, as well as administration fees, were up slightly but contract spending was down approximately \$1 million from last year. At that point a discussion between Mr. Doorn, Mr. Chris Edwards and Ms. Delonda Alexander ensued regarding details of the fund, such as how contracts are encumbered, and how the encumbered amount can change fairly quickly. Additionally, a question came up about what percentage of the fund monies are encumbered (typically 50-80% as some is needed for reserve).

Questions were asked about the current queue of site closures and pending site closures. It was clarified that the pending list appears to be static, but some closure sites are leaving the pending list and new ones are being added on a periodic basis. Additionally, Ms. Alexander pointed out that some sites that were previously considered ‘un-closeable’ are now heading toward closure.

IV. Site Work

Mr. Lou Zeller asked a question about cash flows and funding. Mr. Doorn indicated that the budget is a little tighter but it is being carefully managed and it was pointed out that revenues are staying fairly stable. Mr. Doorn stated the program has had a total of 52 closures to date and that Ideal Cleaners was the most recent one, with another one nearly at completion. He also indicated the DENR and DSCA websites are being updated and will have some significant changes. Mr. Jim Bateson elaborated and described how it will be easier to navigate and discussions ensued about further improvements to the website’s mapping capabilities and data sharing/availability.

Other sites were then discussed, including the former One Hour Martinizing site in Durham, which recently had an information session held and an extra remedial injection performed. Mrs. Laura Drey and Mr. Zeller then had some questions about the One Hour Martinizing site, including potential migration of contaminants, soil gas monitoring, and notification of community residents. These questions and other issues were addressed by Mr. Doorn, Ms. Alexander and Mrs. Christie Zawtocky.

Following these discussions, Mr. Doorn then gave an overview of a Brownfields conference he recently attended in Chicago as a State Coalition for Remediation of Drycleaners (SCRD) representative. He also showed slides and highlights of the presentation he gave at the conference, which covered similarities and differences between Brownfields and DSCA, as well as case studies where DSCA and Brownfields worked cooperatively and successfully on sites in North Carolina.

At this point the discussion briefly turned back to funding, with concerns raised over the budgeted \$6 million being spread over all of the DSCA sites in NC. It was pointed out that the \$6 million essentially represents an annual spending cap and that approximately \$109 million has been spent cumulatively over the life of the DSCA program.

V. Compliance

Mr. Eric Swope mentioned that the Compliance Branch's PCE and petroleum calendars have been updated, and they are being finalized and will be sent out for printing soon. Additionally, there are new Korean versions that will be available. Mr. Swope indicated that Ms. Aram Kim (the new Compliance Branch staff member) has been very helpful with the Korean drycleaner business owners.

VI. Other Issues

Mr. Doorn then stated that DWM will be switching from CARA to a new online file and records storage/retrieval system called Laserfiche and gave a brief overview. He then introduced Mr. Michael Scott, DWM's Deputy Director, to further describe the new system and the projected timeline. According to Mr. Scott, the transition from CARA to Laserfiche should take place in about six months, as new servers need to be purchased prior to implementing it. It should also be easier to use and most county governments use Laserfiche.

Mrs. Alexander also described how Mrs. Genna Olson presented DSCA data at a recent vapor intrusion conference which showed that in hot, humid climates vapor intrusion is typically as much or more of an issue in the summer months as it is in the winter (most previous data had been gathered in the northeast, which indicated winter is typically worst-case scenario for vapor intrusion).

Ms. Drey then had some further questions and comments about the Durham One Hour Martinizing site regarding contaminated soils that were accidentally emplaced and then removed in a remedial excavation a couple of years ago. These issues were then answered and/or addressed as necessary.

VII. Next Work Group Meeting

The next stakeholder meeting was set for Thursday, April 14th at 10:00 am and the meeting was then adjourned.