

Dry-Cleaning Solvent Cleanup Act (DSCA) Program Stakeholder Update Winter 2020

The following DSCA Program Stakeholder update covers October–December 2019.

Meeting Minutes

The October 24, 2019 Stakeholder meeting minutes are located on the DSCA website at www.ncdsca.org, under the DSCA Stakeholder Work Group link. If you have corrections or comments, please email Delonda Alexander at delonda.alexander@ncdenr.gov

Staffing News

The DSCA Remediation Program is in the process of hiring a new hydrogeologist to fill the vacancy created when Billy Meyer was named Remediation Unit Supervisor. The interview process is complete and the candidate selected will start on March 1, 2020.

Rules and Legislation

On November 1, 2019, Governor Cooper signed HB399 which extended the DSCA Program until January 1, 2032 and the transfer of a portion of the sales and use tax to the DSCA Fund until July 1, 2030. NCDEQ will pursue legislative changes to eliminate the sunset date and increase the spending cap on limited investigations from 1% to 3% as was originally proposed and subsequently removed from the signed legislation.

Fund Statistics

A summary of the fund statistics for October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019 is available on the DSCA website at www.ncdsca.org, under the DSCA Stakeholder Work Group link. Fund receipts for the first two quarters of FY2019-20 were \$4,574,501.66, while disbursements for the same period were \$3,825,616.34. As of December 31, 2019, the DSCA Fund balance was \$9,928,409.11 with \$6,051,852.27 encumbered in environmental engineering contracts. Funds are encumbered into active contracts as needed and as funds become available.

Remediation Program

Closures

Since the October 25, 2018 Stakeholder meeting, two additional clean-up sites were granted “No Further Action” (NFA) status, bringing the total number of closed DSCA sites to 109. The latest NFA letters were issued for Clean Clean Dry Cleaners in Rocky Mount (DC640004) and White Star Laundry and Cleaners in Durham (DC320020). A complete list of closed DSCA clean-up sites can be found at www.ncdsca.org, under DSCA Active Dry-cleaning and Remediation Site Inventories.

An additional 20 DSCA sites are undergoing preparations for closure, which include a detailed human health risk assessment, preparation of a site-wide risk management plan, and a

period to solicit and collect public comments on the site management strategy. Sites that are in public comment can be found at www.ncdsca.org, under the link for Public Notices and Announcements.

Remediation

Soil remediation was completed on the property adjacent to Village Laundry at 707 College Rd. in Greensboro (DC410034). The remedy included excavation and soil blending with potassium permanganate to treat contaminated soil and to promote the degradation of chlorinated solvents in the source area groundwater.

Soil remediation was completed on the Countryside Cleaners at 5516 E. Independence Blvd. in Charlotte (DC600094). The remedy included soil blending with potassium permanganate to treat contaminated soil and to promote the degradation of chlorinated solvents in the source area groundwater.

Next Stakeholder Work Group Meeting

The next DSCA Stakeholder meeting is scheduled for **9:30 am** on **Thursday, April 30, 2020**, in the First Floor Training Room in the DEQ Green Square Building located at 217 West Jones Street in Raleigh. An agenda will be made available prior to the April meeting.