

Minutes
October 25, 2018

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

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

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

Chris Edwards	NCALC
Mack Davis	Medlin-Davis Cleaners
Tom Little	NS Farrington
Paul Goodson	NCALC
David Makepeace	NCALC/Medlin-Davis Cleaners
Sarah Wolfe	McGuire Woods/NCALC
Rob MacWilliams	AECOM
Carlin Slusher	AECOM
Mike Ranck	AECOM
Meghan Greiner	ATC Associates
Ashley Winkelman	ATC Associates
Genna Olson	Hart & Hickman
Christie Zawtock	Hart & Hickman
Michael Dail	Terracon
Delonda Alexander	NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Al Chapman	NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Billy Meyer	NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Scott Stupak	NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Sue Murphy	NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Eric Swope	NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Rachel Clarke	NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program

Ms. Alexander welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the April 2018 meeting and Summer 2018 update were brought up and approved.

II. Personnel

The DSCA Program is welcoming the addition of a new staff person, Rachel Clarke, to serve as the Program's Compliance Officer. In addition to inspections duties, Ms. Clarke will play a prominent role in reviewing and developing enforcement packages. Ms. Clarke has an excellent background working with private law firms and with DOJ prior to joining DSCA.

Sue Murphy is an environmental engineer replacing Patrick Watters in the DSCA remediation unit. Sue is a project manager from the Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch that brings a strong background in environmental cleanup work. She has taken on a full work load, so we are at 100% capacity for project management in the remediation unit.

Nancy Hardison is back with NCDEQ providing legal support for all of Superfund and Brownfields. We are glad to have Nancy back with her institutional knowledge and to have the legal support to move forward with enforcement activities and other items.

There is another compliance inspector position open to fill to replace Pam Moore's position after her retirement in August.

III. Rules and Legislation

DSCA Re-Authorization: This is a top priority for the Department in the upcoming long session. Conversations during last year's short session were favorable and well-received. The Department understands that re-authorization is crucial to continuing the program. We are asking for an additional ten (10) year extension of the sunset date and to increase the spending cap on limited investigations from 1% to 3%.

15A NCAC 02S Rule Re-adoption: The amended DSCA rules were effective as of September 1, 2018. The links on our website will take you to the new rules.

IV. DSCA Fund and Site Statistics

The quarterly fund statistics were not available in time to prepare an update for this meeting. The fund statistics will be updated and sent out when available. The funding trends continue to be consistent. Quarterly solvent taxes are continuing to decline, but a slight increase in the sales and use tax is compensating for that loss. Since 2012, our receipts have consistently been 2.0 - 2.2 million dollars per quarter.

V. Remediation Work

The DSCA Program reported that 90 sites have been issued No Further Action (NFA) notices. An average of 10 sites are closed per year. There have been 10 closures in the past six months.

An update regarding the Iredell County Library site was provided. Billy Meyer and Genna Olson recently appeared at the County Board of Commissioners meeting to give an update of activities. There is not a current vapor intrusion risk, however, the county is proposing to install a remediation system to address the subsurface contamination and prevent any future vapor intrusion issues. The DSCA program cannot spend any further money on remediation at this time since there is not a current risk.

VI. Discussion

Delonda Alexander, DSCA Remediation Supervisor, provided an overview of the 10 sites to receive NFA determinations in the 6 months since the previous stakeholder meeting.

Ms. Alexander also provided a brief review of the Division's new Site Locator Tool accessible through the Division's website. The user-friendly tool allows a user to type an address and see information regarding Division incidents in that area, such as Brownfields, Inactive Sites, UST, DSCA, etc.

VII. Other Issues

Storm impacts – Prior to Hurricane Florence making landfall, the Department developed and began using an incident tracking tool to record and track environmental impacts associated with storms, i.e. breached lagoons, open excavations, heating oil tanks, remediation systems, debris landfill locations, etc. The tool helps DEQ respond to incidents and facilitate communication with the EPA and other federal agencies.

Compliance – Eric Swope, Compliance Unit Supervisor, gave an update regarding the 2019 compliance calendars. There will be 280 copies of the Perc calendar and 280 copies of the petroleum printed and mailed. The Perc calendars are scheduled to be mailed out during the week of December 3rd and the petroleum calendars during the week of December 17th. The calendars will also be available for download on the DSCA website.

In a review of the latest Department of Labor’s dry-cleaner boiler list, DSCA discovered 20 newly identified dry-cleaning facilities. The new facilities will be evaluated by DSCA inspectors and the program will perform outreach, offer compliance assistance, and conduct inspections as appropriate.

The announcement for the vacant DSCA compliance inspector position has been posted and will be closing on Friday, October 26, 2018. We intend to have the position filled by the end of the year.

The compliance rate for regulated dry-cleaners as of June 2018 was 74%, which is down from approximately 85% during the previous two years. The compliance rate for Korean dry-cleaners is 42%, and our Korean-speaking inspector, Aram Kim, continues to work closely with the Korean dry-cleaning community to improve compliance.

NCALC Convention - It was mentioned that Pete Doorn spoke at the recent NCALC annual convention held in Raleigh. There were good presentations and speakers. An update on the convention activities was given by the new NCALC president, David Makepeace.

VI. Next Work Group Meeting

The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am on Thursday, April 25, 2019.

No other issues were brought forward, and the meeting was adjourned.

Note: *The April 25, 2019 meeting will be held in the Coastal Plain Conference Room located on the 1st Floor of the DEQ Green Square Building.*