

**Dry-Cleaning Solvent Cleanup Act (DSCA) Program
Stakeholder Update
Summer 2018**

The following DSCA Program Stakeholder update covers April - June 2017.

MEETING MINUTES

The April 26, 2018 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 Pete Doorn at peter.doorn@ncdenr.gov.

Staffing News

- May 8, 2018: Rachel Clarke started as the new DSCA Compliance Officer/Inspector. Ms. Clarke has a background with DOJ and with private legal firms, and brings excellent enforcement case management skills and rule-making experience to the program.
- June 18, 2018: Nancy (Dunn) Hardison was hired by DEQ's General Counsel's Office to support the Brownfields Program and the Superfund Section. Ms. Hardison has extensive history with the DSCA Program and is providing much needed legal support.
- July 1, 2018: Patrick Watters (Environmental Engineer/Project Manager) transferred from the DSCA Remediation Unit to a position with Superfund's Federal Remediation Branch where he will work on federal DOD facilities and manufactured gas plant sites.
- August 1, 2018: Sue Murphy (Environmental Engineer) transferred into the DSCA Remediation Unit to replace Mr. Watters. Ms. Murphy brings project management and contract oversight expertise from Superfund's Inactive Hazardous Sites Program.
- August 31, 2018: Pam Moore, DSCA Compliance Inspector will be retiring after serving nearly 21 years with DEQ's Division of Waste Management – working as a DSCA Inspector since 2011 and prior to that with DWM's Solid Waste Section.

Rules and Legislation

As part of the mandatory Periodic Rule Review process, DSCA's 15A NCAC 02S amended rules were approved for re-adoption by the Environmental Management Commission on July 12, 2018. The rules were presented at the Rules Review Commission's meeting on August 16, 2018 for final approval. The RRC approved the rules for re-adoption with the effective date being September 1, 2018. Amendments to these rules include technical corrections, clarification of form requirements, No Further Action criteria, and redefining "site specific target level" to be consistent with risk-based standards for DEQ's cleanup programs.

DSCA re-authorization legislation (to extend DSCA program and funding for 10 years) was proposed during the General Assembly's 2018 short session, but failed to be incorporated into legislative bills given the focus on passing a state budget. The proposed statute amendments received verbal support and will be put forth during the 2019 legislative session.

Fund Statistics

A summary of the fund statistics for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 is available on the DSCA website at www.ncdsca.org, under the DSCA Stakeholder Work Group link. Fund receipts for FY2017-18 were \$8,681,394.03, while disbursements for the same period were \$7,429,454.53. As of June 30, 2018, the DSCA Fund balance was \$6,469,890.28, with \$2,564,690.98 encumbered in environmental engineering contracts. Funds are encumbered into active contracts as needed and as funds become available.

Remediation Program

Closures

By the end of the 2017-18 fiscal year, a cumulative total of 84 DSCA certified clean-up sites have been granted “No Further Action” (NFA) status. 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 39 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.

Online ePayment Option

DSCA’s website provides an option for paying petitioner invoices and application fees online. During the 2017-18 fiscal year, 2 of 18 (11%) petitioner application fees and 14 of 192 (7%) petitioner invoice payments were paid online.

The new ePayment system accepts:

- (i) fund transfers from your bank account (no processing fee);
- (ii) MasterCard, Visa, or Discover credit cards (2.65% processing fee); and
- (iii) debit cards (\$3.95 flat processing fee).

For more information, visit the DSCA website or go directly to DSCA’s ePayment page at: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/dry-cleaning-solvent-cleanup-act-program/dsca-epayments>.

Next Stakeholder Work Group Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **10:00 am** on **Thursday, October 25, 2018**, in the 1st 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 October meeting.