Minutes
November 20, 2017

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:

Chris Edwards   NCALC
Rita Foley   NCALC
Paul Goodson   NCALC
Jillian Totman   McGuire Woods/NCALC
Tom Little   N.S. Farrington
Joe Steele   Premier Cleaners
David Treadway   BB&T
Rob MacWilliams   AECOM/URS
Mike Ranck   AECOM/URS
Carlin Slusher   AECOM/URS
Meghan Greiner   ATC Associates
Christine Schaefer   ATC Associates
Kevin Sommers   ATC Associates
Ashley Winkelman   ATC Associates
Genna Olson   Hart & Hickman
Christie Zawtocki   Hart & Hickman
Vicki Garlington   McAdams Co
Tony Pendola   NC DEQ Small Business Ombudsman
Pete Doorn   NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Eric Swope   NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Delonda Alexander   NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Al Chapman   NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Ne´Shonda Cobbs   NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Mike Cunningham   NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Aram Kim   NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Jay King   NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Billy Meyer   NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Scott Stupak   NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Patrick Watters   NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program

Mr. Doorn welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the April 2017 meeting and Summer 2017 update were then brought up and approved.
II. **Staffing Updates**

Eric Swope, the DSCA Compliance Supervisor introduced the newest staff member, Ne’Shonda Cobbs. Ne’Shonda started working with DSCA on October 2, 2017 and is working out of the Mooresville Regional Office. In addition to her inspection responsibilities, Ne’Shonda will also be supporting the development and maintenance of the compliance database.

It was then noted that the other vacant inspector position had recently been reclassified to Environmental Senior Specialist and is expected to be posted soon.

Mr. Doorn also noted that our Division managers continue to work with the DEQ General Counsel’s Office and advocate for additional legal resources for the programs.

III. **Rules and Legislation**

*DSCA Re-Authorization*: It was noted that the program has proposed statute amendments to re-authorize DSCA for an additional 10 years. Since the reauthorization amendments were not taken up during the 2017 long session, the department will pursue the amendments during the 2018 short session.

*15A NCAC 02S Rule Re-adoption*: The 15A NCAC 02S rules are going through the required rule review process, and a re-adoption date of July 2018 has been established. On November 8, 2017, Mr. Doorn met with the EMC’s Groundwater & Waste Management Committee (GWWMC) to request approval to go to the EMC for approval to proceed to public comment. Since proposed amendments to address RRC pre-review comments were not available at the Nov 8th meeting, the GWWMC requested that DSCA come back to the January 2018 GWWMC meeting before proceeding to the EMC.

*Annual Report*: Recent legislation (Senate Bill 131) amended the general statutes of several of the Division’s programs to require that annual reports be due on January 15th of each year. Consequently, DWM will be compiling a multi-program annual report that will include Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste, Brownfields, Inactive Hazardous Sites, and DSCA.

IV. **DSCA Fund and Site Statistics**

The Fund Statistics handout for the fiscal year (FY) 2017-18 (current as of 9/30/17) was summarized and discussed. Mr. Doorn noted that receipts and expenditures are on pace with those from the previous fiscal year.

Regarding site statistics, it was noted over 400 sites have been certified into the DSCA over the life of the program. During FY2016-17, 22 new sites were certified into the cleanup program.

V. **Remediation Work**

The DSCA Program reported two additional closures during the past quarter - $2.50 Cleaners in Wilmington, and Emporium Cleaners in Raleigh. It was noted that several more sites are in the queue for closure.
Mr. Doorn mentioned two site remedies coming up in the next 6-12 months.

1. Rollins Economy Cleaners (Raleigh): In addition to DOT’s work to re-arrange the Peace Street/Capital Blvd interchange, a large redevelopment project is also underway along Peace and West Streets. DSCA is evaluating remedial options for excavating and/or blending highly impacted soil beneath the Rollins building.

2. Village Cleaners (Greensboro): Soil contamination has been discovered and assessed on a neighboring property. The source soil contamination is resulting in groundwater contamination and indoor air issues downgradient. DSCA is negotiating with the off-site property owner to implement a soil blending remedy.

V. Discussion

Delonda Alexander, DSCA Remediation Supervisor, provided a brief overview of the Vapor Intrusion Conference held in Charlotte on October 5 and 6, 2017.

Pete Doorn then described the California Ground Water Resources Association’s Dry-Cleaner Remediation Symposium on November 2, 2017, where he was invited to speak about North Carolina’s dry-cleaning program.

VI. Other Issues

Following the DSCA Stakeholder Meeting, there will be a ceremony in the DEQ Green Square lobby to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Dry-cleaning Solvent Cleanup Act. We will hear a few words from John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary of DEQ, Michael Scott, Director of DWM, and Chris Edwards, Vice President of Government Affairs for NCALC. Refreshments will be provided and all are welcome to join us.

VII. Next Work Group Meeting

The next stakeholder meeting was set for 10:00 am on Thursday, April 26, 2018, and the meeting was then adjorned.