Minutes
September 25, 2012

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 circulated. The following individuals were present:

Christopher T. Edwards  A Cleaner World
Rita Foley  White Star Cleaners - NCALC
Rob MacWilliams  URS
Mike Ranck  URS
Laura Powers  Withers & Ravenel
Chan Bryant  Withers & Ravenel
Brian Bellis  Withers & Ravenel
Ross Perry  Withers & Ravenel
Genna Olson  ATC Associates
Kevin Sommers  ATC Associates
Meghan Greiner  ATC Associates
Brian Ray  AECOM
Kathy Roush  AMEC
Katie Watkins  AMEC
Jeff Tyburski  Mid-Atlantic Associates
Christie Zawtocki  Hart & Hickman
Henry Jones  Counsel to NCALC
James Joyner  Solutions – IES
Cate Landry  BB&T
Jack Butler  NC Division of Waste Management – Superfund Section
Pete Doorn  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
Billy Meyer  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
Patrick Watters  NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Nancy Dunn  NC Attorney General’s Office
Tony Pendola  NCDENR EAP
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Pete Doorn welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the March meeting and June update were then brought up and approved.

II. Staff

Mr. Doorn mentioned that Ms. Delonda Alexander had recently accepted the position of DSCA Remediation Unit Supervisor. He also introduced Mr. Patrick Watters and explained that Mr. Watters will be working half-time with the DSCA Remediation Unit managing projects and half-time with the Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) program.

III. DSCA Fund Statistics

The Fund Statistics handout for fiscal year 2011 – 2012 was passed around and briefly discussed. Mr. Doorn stated that receipts were slightly higher than disbursements. Disbursements are currently approximately $8 million, but Mr. Doorn explained that the program is waiting for approval to encumber an additional $1 million. On a quarterly basis, the March – June receipts were down approximately three percent due to less solvent tax intake and the interest was also down. Mr. Doorn explained that disbursements have increased significantly during this time frame (approximately 70 percent) due to a significant increase in the number of sites moving into the remediation phase. Overall, though, through the fiscal year disbursements have been down somewhat which has caused a slight net increase in the fund balance. Mr. Doorn stated that this fiscal year’s fund information will be summarized in the DSCA Annual Report which will be submitted to the Legislature.

IV. Site Work

Mr. Doorn stated that the Dan Meigs Cleaners site is the latest site closure, making for a total of twenty-seven (27) sites that have now been closed, with twenty-one (21) more in cue for closure.

Two new DSCA State Lead contracts, which have been in the works, have unfortunately been temporarily delayed by a requirement for electronic submittal. The Section currently does not have the necessary software or training to use the software in order to complete the contract submittal. Mr. Doorn said this hopefully should be sorted out soon.

The waterline extension for Smitty’s Cleaners is nearly complete. This will provide municipal water for approximately fourteen to sixteen residences that had water supply well impacts. The BB&T Cleaners site in Durham has had the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) implemented, which included soil excavation, Daramend emplacement, and stone and soil backfill. Mr. Doorn also indicated that additional information regarding the BB&T site is available online on the DSCA website.

Mr. Doorn then stated that starting with this meeting the stakeholder meetings would now include a brief presentation of a remedial action success story by one of the state lead contractors. He then introduced Ms. Genna Olson, who stated that she would be describing a phyto-remediation project completed at the Pinehurst Hotel Cleaners in the Village of Pinehurst. Ms. Olson went on to describe the contaminant release and the work that they did, part of which
included planting of poplar and willow trees in order to reduce contaminant flux into a nearby stream. The work was done in close cooperation with the municipal government of Village of Pinehurst, who were very pleased with the final results.

V. Compliance

Mr. Doorn stated that there is currently one enforcement action for $13,000 against Piedmont Cleaners in Catawba County. The penalty is for NESHAP violations and lack of spill containment for the machine and solvent storage area (despite several warnings from DSCA). Rita Foley asked if they were still out of compliance and Mr. Doorn responded that their current compliance status has not been investigated but that they have 60 days to come into compliance, at which point they will be re-checked.

VI. Other Issues

Jeff Tyburski asked about where the DSCA State Lead contracts would be announced and if it would be on the DSCA website. Mr. Doorn stated that it would be through the usual E-Procurement route, but that they would see about the possibility of putting an announcement on the DSCA website also.

Delonda Alexander then mentioned that the site prioritization scheme was being revamped in order to make it more accurate and representative. Additionally, she stated that the DSCA risk assessment procedure was also being re-done due to changes in toxicity values and to make it more streamlined.

Someone then asked about the Alternative Solvent Study Workgroup and Jack Butler stated that due to other higher priority items it is in essentially the same place as it was at the last meeting. Chris Edwards then went on to briefly discuss some of the impetus behind the study and what the current state of affairs in industry is with various alternative solvents. He also stated that sales of new perc machines has very significantly declined and overall the industry is moving away from perc based dry-cleaning.

Kevin Summers then mentioned a hotel he saw in Chicago that still did their own dry-cleaning onsite and asked about how common that is. Mr. Edwards stated that it used to be more prevalent but now it is fairly rare.

Ms. Alexander then asked Mr. Edwards about spotting agents and if they still commonly contain perc. Mr. Edwards stated that in general the industry is moving away from the use of perc based spotting agents as well.

VII. Next Work Group Meeting

The next stakeholder meeting was set for Tuesday, March 19th at 10:00 am and the meeting was then adjourned.