Minutes April 26, 2018

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
Rob MacWilliams	AECOM/URS
Carlin Slusher	AECOM/URS
Meghan Greiner	ATC Associates
Kevin Sommers	ATC Associates
Ashley Winkelman	ATC Associates
Daphne Jones	Draper Aden Assoc.
Genna Olson	Hart & Hickman
Christie Zawtocki	Hart & Hickman
Michael Dail	Terracon
Tony Pendola	NC DEQ Small Business Ombudsman
Pete Doorn	NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Delonda Alexander	NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program
Al Chapman	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 November 2017 meeting and Winter 2018 update were then brought up and approved.

II. Staffing Updates

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.

DEQ's General Counsel's office recently posted an attorney III position that will be dedicated to advising the Superfund Section and the Brownfields Program.

III. Rules and Legislation

DSCA Re-Authorization: Since the proposed amendments to re-authorize DSCA for an additional 10 years 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. DSCA held a public hearing on March 6, 2018 to receive comments on the re-adoption of the 15A NCAC 02S rules. No public comments were offered at the hearing. The comment period ended on April 16, and we are now compiling the Hearing Officer's Report in preparation for the July EMC meeting.

IV. DSCA Fund and Site Statistics

The Fund Statistics handout for the fiscal year (FY) 2017-18 (current as of 3/30/18) was summarized and discussed. Mr. Doorn noted that 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 80 sites have been issued No Further Action notices. Mr. Doorn also mentioned a noteworthy trend that during the fiscal year to date, 10 sites have been certified into DSCA, and 10 sites have been issued NFAs. It was noted that a number of new sites and NFAs are expected before the end of the fiscal year.

The group then discussed the Iredell County Library and recent detections of PCE in indoor air and the proximity of several possible dry-cleaning sources. Mr. Doorn explained how the issue was discovered, how DSCA came to be involved, and the recent public information session held at the library jointly lead by Iredell County officials and the members of the DSCA Program.

V. Discussion

Delonda Alexander, DSCA Remediation Supervisor, provided an overview of the most recent sites to receive NFA determinations, with a more in-depth discussion of the Coastal Dry Cleaners site (DC650007) in Wilmington.

VI. Next Work Group Meeting

The next stakeholder meeting was scheduled for 10:00 am on Thursday, October 18, 2018, and the meeting was then adjourned.

Update: The DSCA Stakeholder Meeting is rescheduled for **October 25, 2018** to avoid a conflict with DWM's Employee Recognition Event on October 18, 2018