Minutes October 24, 2019

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
Paul Goodson	NCALC
David Makepeace	NCALC
Rita Foley	NCALC
Rob MacWilliams	AECOM
Carlin Slusher	AECOM
Mike Ranck	AECOM

Meghan GreinerATC AssociatesAshley WinkelmanATC AssociatesKevin SommersATC AssociatesGenna OlsonHart & HickmanChristie ZawtockiHart & Hickman

Casey Portela Terracon David Treadway BB&T

Nancy Hardison NC DEQ – General Counsel Office Delonda Alexander NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program Al Chapman NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program Billy Meyer Scott Stupak NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program Sue Murphy NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program John Stauber NC DEO/DWM - DSCA Program Rachel Clarke NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program Aram Kim NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program Jay King NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program Mike Cunningham NC DEQ/DWM - DSCA Program

II. Personnel

With Delonda Alexander filling the Branch Head vacancy currently held by Pete Doorn, the position of Remediation Unit Supervisor previously held by Ms. Alexander has been filled with Billy Meyer.

Billy Meyer's former position is being filled by someone with risk assessment experience. We are in the interview stage currently and hope to have the position filled by early November.

III. Rules and Legislation

DSCA Reauthorization: Chris Edwards updated the group on the status of the reauthorization legislation. HB399 came out of committee in the Senate and is with the House with voting likely to happen today, October 24th. (Note: just after the meeting concluded, an additional update was given via email stating that the bill has been sent to the Governor.)

The current reauthorization does not include eliminating the sunset dates or increasing the source investigation costs to 3%. Once the reauthorization is approved, we can reintroduce these changes in future actions.

IV. DSCA Fund and Site Statistics

The quarterly fund statistics were distributed along with new graphs depicting DSCA Fund revenues and expenditures. 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. The Fund balance appears a bit higher this quarter, but that is due to a timing issue with money being encumbered for contracts. The money has been requested to be moved into contracts but has not occurred yet.

New sites continue to come into the program. Eleven new sites have come into the program this past quarter and several more are pending compliance reviews. Three sites have closed in the previous quarter. Some of the more complex sites are closing that require a large amount of surveying and notification, which makes the closure process longer.

V. Remediation Work

Mike Cunningham provided an update on remediation taking place on an off-site property associated with Village Laundry (DC410034) in Greensboro. A large area of soil contamination was treated/blended with potassium permanganate. The goal of treating this area is to reduce contaminant concentrations that are impacting indoor air in a downgradient apartment complex.

Delonda Alexander mentioned an interesting project that involves an off-site church. After monitoring the indoor air and working with the church for many years, a chance meeting with the church sextant a couple of months ago revealed the presence of an old network of channels beneath the floor that was used for heating at one time. These channels could be a conduit for vapor intrusion, therefore the program will be doing work soon to sample the air in the channels and potentially do a smoke test to see if the air from the channels is still entering the building.

VI. Other Issues

Nancy Hardison provided an update on the enforcement case involving A Cleaner Tomorrow. They have requested remissions, a process involving the Environmental Management Commission and assessing penalties. The DSCA Program is still hoping to work out a settlement prior to entering the remissions process.

Compliance personnel provided an update on the 2020 calendars. The print shop is moving locations, so there is a slight delay in getting proofs. The calendars should be distributed as usual in December.

There was a discussion regarding decertification of sites. If that occurs, a new property owner or entity could reenter the DSCA Program. Anyone associated with the original petitioner who was decertified would not be eligible to reenter. When a site is decertified, the program 'shall' seek cost recovery.

Following this meeting, there will be a tour of two drycleaners for the DSCA state-lead contractors and any other interested parties. The tour will begin at 1pm at the Medlin-Davis Cleaners at Cameron Village.

VII. Next Work Group Meeting

The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am on Thursday, April 30, 2020.

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