

MEETING MINUTES
October 30, 2025

DRY-CLEANING SOLVENT CLEANUP ACT (DSCA) PROGRAM
STAKEHOLDER WORK GROUP MEETING

10:00am – 12:00 pm Main Work Group Meeting

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- II. NCALC updates/meeting recap

Next meeting is in Charlotte, January 31, 2026

- III. Rules & Legislation

Rule changes are due next week for DWM and attorney review. We are in agreement to change the containment tray capacity from 110% to 100%. Will repeal the 2 rules previously put forward as unnecessary. Reminder – those are 02S.0302 – Other Potentially Responsible Parties and 02S.0507 – Remedial Action Plan

- IV. Fund & Site Statistics

Revenue remains steady at approximately \$2.5 million per quarter. Fund balance is approximately \$13 million with \$28 million encumbered in contracts. I will be encumbering the \$13 million into contracts in the next week or so. We are still getting a trickle of new sites into the program – 3 this past quarter. 2 more sites closed this quarter. The count on the number of active DC facilities actually went up 9 facilities – I am not sure if this is a counting error or not – we have not had an increase – has actually gone down every quarter. I double checked and didn't find anything so we will see what the numbers are next quarter. There was an increase in inactive facilities by 7, which usually indicates someone closing down, but still has machines/waste on site. The total number of facilities subject to inspection went up by 16, which pans out with the other stats – 9 new active facilities and 7 new inactive facilities.

Just a quick review on our budgeting and spending and contracts – we have 3 current contractors. Time wise on the contracts, we are fine – the initial period ends May 2029, but we can get time extensions. We encumber monies into the contracts as the balance in the fund adds up so that the money is 'tied up'. We have spending targets in place (Billy) to maintain a consistent spending trend and ensure longevity of the fund. What happens though is that we had a surplus at one time because we had a lag in getting new contracts and had no place to put the money. Once we got the new contracts, we encumbered a lot of money, so they have good balances. But we will run into the same issue – we will max out the contract amounts and encumber all we can, but it will take them some time to spend all of that – if longer than the May 2029 contract end date, we can do a time extension.

Even though we have enough time and money on existing contracts, I will have to go out for new contracts just to have a place to put the money. We currently have about \$30 million to go to max out all the contracts – and that will be about \$20 million after I encumber money in the next couple of weeks. So we will be looking at going out for new contracts in 1-1.5 years.

Chris Edwards asked question about why more money is encumbered than balance. I will have to talk to budget and get back to you.

We have upped our spending limits and will be doing lots of remediation work – Billy will talk about that.

V. Remediation Unit Updates/Issues

Billy Meyer gave presentation about spending and actions at a few sites. (presentation available on DSCA website under Stakeholder Work Group Information)

VI. Compliance Unit Updates/Issues

Perc calendars will go out before the end of the year. We are not doing the self-inspection checklist for petroleum/alternative solvent cleaners. The return rate was very low and not getting any better, and there was a perception that petroleum/alternative solvent cleaners were no longer going to be inspected. The self-inspection checklist was a trial in a time when we needed to really focus and catch up on inspecting perc cleaners. We were still inspecting petroleum cleaners when we could – like if there was one next to a perc cleaner we were inspecting. We are caught up and have a goal of inspecting all cleaners once a year – including petroleum, so we do not need the prioritization of petroleum cleaners by the self-inspection checklist. We will still be sending a packet of information out to the petroleum cleaners by the end of the year with some of the similar information that was in the self-inspection packet. We debated internally about doing the petroleum calendar, but there was very little that is required and we can send that out separately without incurring printing costs, etc. We are being asked to cut down wherever we can budget wise.

We are still seeing issues with decommissions happening without our knowledge. And the use of mechanics/personnel that are not qualified and don't understand any haz waste regulations, etc. Short of putting a MMP or some other rule regarding notification for decommissioning, not sure how we can remedy this. We have put articles in the NCALC newsletter, but the problems we are having are probably with people who are not members and don't read those articles.

We had one cleaner on enforcement/penalty track, but after a lot of work with Rachel and Bill – we are holding the penalties in abeyance – and he agreed to do a Phase II assessment to see if there is contamination and to come in the cleanup program. If at any time he does not follow the program, we can re-enact the penalties and move forward.

VII. Case Studies – ATC and AECOM

(presentations available on DSCA website under Stakeholder Work Group Information)

VIII. Other Issues

PFAS pilot study is wrapping up – should have a draft report in next month or so and hopefully final report by the end of the year or first of the year. The one thing that was interesting – lots of PFAS in spotting agents. Genna – if you want to just say a word or two about what you have seen during this testing.

Chris Edwards said that RR Street has made a Picrin that is free of TCE

Billy Meyer mentioned that Jay King will be retiring January 31, 2026 so this is the last stakeholder meeting for him.

IX. Next Work Group Meeting

Next meeting Thursday, April 30th, 2026 at 10am – virtual only

PURPOSE OF DRY-CLEANING WORKING GROUP:

Provide input and assist the Superfund Section in resolving issues, draft guidance and develop rules pertaining to the Dry-Cleaning Solvent Cleanup Act of 1997 (G.S.143-215.104).

GROUND RULES:

- Decisions by the working group and subcommittees will be by consensus if possible and by vote (called by Delonda Alexander) if the group is unable to reach consensus. All final policy decisions will be made by the Division with strong consideration given to input from the group as well as the Attorney General's office and Department management. If a final policy decision is contrary to the consensus/vote of the group, an explanation will be provided to the group.

- Dissenting opinions should be aired in the group meeting and given in writing to the group at the next meeting.
- Dissent will be resolved internally.
- Every effort will be made to make decisions based on the following criteria:
 - Legally and environmentally sound
 - Results in sound regulations that can be reasonably enforced
 - Makes business sense for the regulated industry
 - Technically feasible