Minutes March 12, 2014

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 circulated. The following individuals were present:

Christopher T. Edwards	A Cleaner World
Rob MacWilliams	URS
Mike Ranck	URS
Chris Theesfield	URS
Laura Powers	Withers & Ravenel
Genna Olson	ATC Associates
Kevin Sommers	ATC Associates
Brian Ray	AECOM
Susan Johson	AMEC
Sheri Knox	AMEC
Christie Zawtocki	Hart & Hickman
Delonda Alexander	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Dianne Thomas	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Scott Stupak	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Jay King	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Patrick Watters	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Billy Meyer	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Al Chapman	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Jack Kitchen	NC Division of Waste Management - DSCA Program
Tony Pendola	NCDENR EAP
Lou Zeller	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
Rick Kolb	Dunklee & Dunham
Jillian DeCamp	Poyner & Spruill, LLP
Tom West	Poyner & Spruill, LLP
Rita Foley	White Star Cleaners – NCALC
Fred Miller	NCALC
Will Service	Mid-Atlantic Associates
Joe Steele	Premier Cleaners
Lori C. Denton	Terracon Consultants
Michael Jordan	Terracon Consultants

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Delonda Alexander welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the September 2013 meeting were then brought up and approved. There were not comments or questions regarding the December 2013 Stakeholder Update.

II. Staff

Ms. Alexander announced that a new position for a Compliance Inspector, preferably with the ability to communicate with Korean dry-cleaners, has been posted.

III. DSCA Fund Statistics

The Fund Statistics handout, current through February 2014, was passed around and briefly discussed. Ms. Alexander stated that receipts for the October – December 2013 quarter were just over \$2 million, but down about 3% from the previous quarter. The solvent tax revenue dropped 36% (\$30K) and the sales tax dropped 2% (\$40K). Disbursements for the last quarter were \$2.3 million, with approximately \$2 million of that amount paid for work at sites in the cleanup program.

IV. Site Work

Ms. Alexander updated the group on closures and indicated that DSCA has had no new closures since the December 2013 Stakeholder Update, but one site is currently in the public comment period and a number of sites are in the queue for closure. Ms. Alexander then stated that DSCA is discussing the possibility of posting two new contracts since two will be expiring by the end of next year. Additionally, preparations for the annual update letters are almost done and they should start going out shortly. The vapor intrusion guidance document for the Division, which covers all programs except for UST, is finally complete and will be put out to the public in about two to three weeks. Ms. Alexander emphasized that the document is to be considered a working document and will be updated as necessary.

On another note, Ms. Alexander indicated that Dexter Matthews, the DWM Director, will be retiring on June 1st. Finally, House Bill 74 (now Session Law 2013-413) will cause all state rules to come under review and open them up for public comment. Ms. Alexander mentioned that DENR's rules, and DSCA's in particular, will be among the first for this to occur. This is only for existing rules and will be oriented toward determining if the rules are still needed. The review website for the ongoing DENR rules can be found at: http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/guest/rules.

Chris Edwards asked for a bit more clarification about the number of pending site closures. Ms. Alexander stated that approximately 10 sites currently have Risk Assessments and Risk Management Plans completed and are well on their way to closure, pending any issues that may arise during the closure process. Billy Meyer also stated that 22 sites have had Risk Assessments completed and approved, which is one of the first steps in the closure process.

Rob MacWilliams of URS gave a presentation on the use of Henry push points and thermal imaging to help identify/discern groundwater discharge areas in a stream for the Shuping Cleaners site in Spencer.

V. Compliance

Ms. Alexander indicated that since Eric Swope was at a Rules Review meeting with Pete Doorn and there were no compliance issues to discuss at this time.

VI. Other Issues

No other issues were brought up or discussed.

VII. Next Work Group Meeting

The next stakeholder meeting was set for Tuesday, September 16th at 10:00 am at the Green Square Building and the meeting was then adjourned.