



2021 Drycleaner Environmental Trust Fund Meeting

**December 16, 2021 (6:00 pm to 8:00 pm)
Solid Waste Agency of North Cook County
77 West Hinz Road, Suite 200
Wheeling, Illinois**

1. Introduction, Illinois EPA (5 minutes)
2. Annual Report Overview (30 minutes)
3. Program Transition Update (30 minutes)
4. Rulemaking Procedure Discussion (15 minutes)
5. Question and Answer (40 minutes)

In accordance with CDC guidelines, attendees should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth for the duration of the meeting

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Executive Summary

Section 25(h) of the Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust (“DERT”) Fund Act requires the Illinois EPA to prepare a report in calendar year 2021 reflecting the status of the DERT Fund (“the Fund”), identifying expenses from the Fund, and identify drycleaning facilities within the state that are eligible for reimbursement from the Fund that have complete remedial action. This report satisfies that requirement.

Background

On August 19, 1997, P.A. 90-502 was signed into law creating the Fund and establishing the Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund Council. The Council was comprised of seven individuals involved in the drycleaning industry in various capacities that were appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Council was responsible for administering the Fund, which included reviewing and authorizing reimbursement to claimants for eligible expenses related to remedial activities undertaken at current and former drycleaning sites. The Council was also responsible for licensing drycleaning facilities and overseeing environmental insurance coverage and reimbursement from the Fund.

The DERT Fund Act authorized the Council to adopt rules governing its programmatic processes. In 1999, the Council proposed such rules, which were adopted at 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1500, and became effective on January 1, 2000. The Council was not subject to Illinois EPA oversight and was not otherwise subject to Illinois EPA or Illinois Pollution Control Board (“Board”) regulation.

On August 16, 2019, Governor J.B. Pritzker signed P.A. 101-400 into law, which amended the DERT Fund Act. The primary effect of the public act was to transition administration of the Fund and compliance with the DERT Fund Act from the Council to the Illinois EPA. This transition involved, among other things, the Illinois EPA overseeing drycleaning facility licensing and the review and payment of cost claims under the DERT Fund Act. The public act also authorized the Board to adopt rules governing the administration of the authorities shifted to the Illinois EPA.

The Council was statutorily abolished, effective June 30, 2020. In the months preceding the Council’s abolition, the Illinois EPA engaged the Council in an active dialogue to ease transition of the Fund’s administration to the Illinois EPA. This discourse included a thorough evaluation of the Council’s rules and the most appropriate means to transition the programmatic functions. Effective July 1, 2020, administration of the DERT Fund resides with the authority granted by statute to the Illinois EPA.

With the abolishment of the Council on June 30, 2020, on July 1, 2020, the former Council’s rules became, by statute, Board rules. On February 9, 2021, the Illinois EPA filed a rulemaking proposal with the Illinois Pollution Control Board to similar to the existing rules and also reflect the current administration of the Fund by the Illinois EPA. As of the date of this Report, those rules have not yet been adopted.

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DERT Fund Overview

As of July 1, 2021, the Fund had a balance of 1,261,292.95. During State Fiscal Year 2021, the Fund generated \$963,953.17 of revenue. Also during State Fiscal year 2021, two categories of costs paid from the Fund: administrative expenses for the Illinois EPA's oversight of the Fund and reimbursement of remediation claims.¹ Section 10(f) of the DERT Fund Act limits the Illinois EPA's to administrative expenses to no more than \$600,000 per State Fiscal Year. During State Fiscal Year 2021, the Illinois EPA incurred \$237,178.05 of such expenses. This included salaries and fringe benefits of employees whose responsibilities included reviewing license applications, remedial action applications, requests for payment, and other submissions related to the Illinois EPA's administration of the Fund. In addition, the Illinois EPA approved and paid \$323,967.76 of remedial action claims from the DERT Fund in State Fiscal Year 2021. In total, the Illinois EPA approved 82 claims from 65 sites, ranging in value from \$107.62 to \$32,712.18.

Sites Eligible for Reimbursement

During the transition of the administration of the Fund, the Illinois EPA received records reflecting outstanding approved remedial actions from the Council. The Illinois EPA reviewed those records to confirm the roster of sites that previously submitted approvable budgets and work plans for cleanup work necessary to address drycleaning-related releases. As of July 1, 2021, there are 77 drycleaning facilities that are currently eligible for reimbursement from the DERT Fund for approved remedial actions activities. Those sites are:

Drycleaning Facility	Facility Address
A Plus Cleaners	718 Lincoln Highway, Fairview Heights, IL 62208
American Ideal Cleaning Co.	10351 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60628
Aqua Marine Cleaners	14723 Central Ave, Oak Forest, IL 60452
Aurora Laundry & Dry Cleaning	562 S River St, Aurora, IL 60506
B&B Dry Cleaners	8829 S Ridgeland, Oak Lawn, IL 60453
Bachofner Cleaners	2244 E Grand Ave, Lindenhurst, IL 60045
Barry Regent Cleaners Inc	3000 N Broadway, Chicago, IL 60657
Bazos Cleaners	835 Walnut Ave, Elgin, IL 60123
Bronx Cleaners	8950 Niles Center Rd, Skokie, IL 60563
Burling Cleaners	120 N Cleveland Ave, Bradley, IL 60915
California Cleaning Palace Inc	2751 W Cermak Rd, Chicago, IL 60608
Center Cleaners	6019-21 N Lincoln Ave, Chicago, IL 60659
Central Cleaners	1120 Richards St, Joliet, IL 60433
Clean Clean Dry Cleaners	6417 W Archer Ave, Chicago, IL 60638
Clothes Care Cleaners	1060 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068
College Cleaners	813 Noyes St, Evanston, IL 60201
Concord Custom Cleaners #802	2341 W Monroe St, Springfield, IL 62704

¹ For the purposes of this report, "remediation claims" covers both remedial action claims for release that occurred earlier than 2006 and insurance claims for subsequent releases.

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Deluxe Cleaners	102 S Batavia Ave, Batavia, IL 60510
Dial Cleaners	2827 Dundee Rd, Northbrook, IL 60062
Dryclean World Inc	1106 S Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60193
Dun Rite Cleaners Inc	611 N Main St, Mt Prospect, IL 60016
Economy Cleaners	687 East Court St, Kankakee, IL 60901
Elite Cleaners	165 E 147th St, Harvey, IL 60426
English Valley Cleaners	255 W Dundee Rd, Palatine, IL 60074
First Cleaners of Barrington	722 S Northwest Highway, Barrington, IL 60010
Fullerton Cleaners	3205 W Fullerton, Chicago, IL 60648
Garden Cleaners	1756 W Hintz Rd, Wheeling, IL 60090
Gibson Couture Cleaners	3432 N Southport Ave, Chicago, IL 60657
Hank's Cleaners	2219 N Lewis, Waukegan, IL 60087
Homewood Drive In Cleaners	18235 Dixie Highway, Homewood, IL 60430
Imperial Cleaners	1041 S Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60193
Inverness Cleaners & Tailors	737 W Palatine Rd, Palatine, IL 60067
Island Lake Cleaners	125-10 E State Rd, PO Box 4, Island Lake, IL 60042
Janes Cleaners Inc	664 W Eldorado, Decatur, IL 62522
Joyce Cleaners	424 N Lake St, Mundelein, IL 60060
Key Club Cleaners	2045 E 95th St, Chicago, IL 60617
Key Club Cleaners	4456 Oakton St, Skokie, IL 60076
Kustom Kleen	1008 N Wilke Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004
L-Nor Cleaners	662 E Northwest Highway, Mt Prospect, IL 60056
Lake City Cleaners	1740 1st St, Highland Park, IL 60035
Lamar Cleaners Inc	9835 S Pulaski Rd, Evergreen Park, IL 60805
Lapels Dry Cleaning	819 Ridge Rd, Wilmette, IL 60091
Lees Deluxe Cleaners	1221 N 8th St, Springfield, IL 62702
Lupo Cleaners	596 N Pinecrest Rd, Bolingbrook, IL 60440
M B Cleaners	2226 W Ogden Ave, Aurora, IL 60504
Manteno Laundry & Drycleaner	388 N Oak, Manteno, IL 60950
Market Square Cleaners	744 E Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60194
Modernway Cleaners	14642 S Pulaski, Midlothian, IL 60445
National Cleaners	1708 Larkin Ave, Crest Hill, IL 60403
New Poly Cleaners	600 Madison St, Oak Park, IL 60302
New Star Cleaners	3638 W Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60651
Nissi One Hour Cleaners of Amer	7427 N Harlem, Niles, IL 60714
Norman's Cleaners	9628 W 143rd St, Orland Park, IL 60462
North Suburban Cleaners	7620 Dempster St, Morton Grove, IL 96053
Norwood Cleaners	6124 W Irving Park, Chicago, IL 60634
Olympic Cleaners	6729 W Ogden Ave, Berwyn, IL 60402

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One Hour Cleaners	5319 W Lincoln, Skokie, IL 60077
O'Reilly Cleaners Inc	1953 Cherry Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062
Prehop Cleaners	1280 S Finley Rd, Lombard, IL 60148
Redwood Cleaner	6459 N Lincoln Ave, Lincolnwood, IL 60712
Rhodes Cleaners Inc	514 E 79th St, Chicago, IL 60619
River Forest Cleaners	7613 Lake St, River Forest, IL 60305
Russells Dry Cleaners Inc	41 W Jefferson Ave, Naperville, IL 60540
Schultz & Odhners Inc	1152 Central Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091
Skokie Valley Laundry & Cleaner	514 Sheridan Rd, Highwood, IL 60040
Spring Cleaner	1142 Hill Grove Ave, Western Springs, IL 60558
Star Cleaners	10146 S Roberts Rd, Palos Hills, IL 60465
Stevens Cleaners West	705 N Elmwood Dr, Aurora, IL 60506
Stop-Inn Cleaners	329 S Schmale Rd, Carol Stream, IL 60188
T & M Cleaners	1732 W Golf Rd, Mt Prospect, IL 60056
The Best Cleaners	1788 N Farnsworth Ave, Aurora, IL 60505
The Norman Laundry & Drycleaners	145 E Decatur St, Decatur, IL 62521
Toms Cleaners Inc	2130 Plum Grove, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
Trim & Tidy Cleaners	5939 W Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60630
Vernon Cleaners	127 Town Line Rd, Vernon Hills, IL 60061
Wheeling Cleaners	277 E Dundee Rd, Wheeling, IL 60090
Woodland Cleaners	233 E Irving Park Ave, Streamwood, IL 60107