Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund 2025 Report

Executive Summary

Section 25(h) of the Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust ("DERT") Fund Act (415 ILCS 135) directs the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to prepare a report as deemed necessary after 2022 reflecting the status of the DERT Fund ("the Fund"), identifying administrative expenses incurred by the Agency in its administration of the Fund, identifying amounts from the Fund that have been applied toward remedial action and insurance claims under the Act, and identifying drycleaning facilities within the state that are eligible for reimbursement from the Fund that have completed remedial action. For a background of the program, please review previous DERT Fund reports.

DERT Fund Overview

As of July 1, 2025, the Fund had a balance of $1,168,997.94. During State Fiscal Year 2025, the Fund generated $1,202,314.66 of revenue. Two categories of costs are 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 administrative expenses to no more than $600,000.00 per State Fiscal Year. During State Fiscal Year 2025, the Illinois EPA incurred $523,992.05 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 $930,107.03 of remedial action claims from the DERT Fund in State Fiscal Year 2025. In total, the Illinois EPA approved 25 reimbursement request claims for 19 sites.

The latest count of licensed drycleaners for 2025 is 424 facilities. The DERT Fund issued 146 insurance policies with policy dates starting July 1, 2024 up to June 31, 2025. 55 of the 77 drycleaner sites currently enrolled in the Site Remediation Program are not currently actively operating or licensed as a drycleaner. Licensed operators enrolled in the Site Remediation Program must maintain continuous insurance to remain eligible for reimbursement. Inactive drycleaning sites enrolled in the Site Remediation Program must pay an annual $3,000.00 administrative assessment due February 1 of each year to remain eligible for reimbursement.

Sites Eligible for Reimbursement [1]

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

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; in addition, the Illinois EPA reviewed current program records to update the list of sites in the previous DERT Fund Reports.

As of December 31, 2025, there are 31 drycleaning facilities currently eligible for reimbursement from the DERT Fund for approved remedial actions activities. Those sites are:

Drycleaning Facility	**Facility Address**	**City**	**Zip**
All Cleaners	730 Butterfield Rd	Aurora	60542
A Plus Quality Cleaners	833 Greenbay Rd	Wilmette	60091
Aquamarine Cleaners	14723 Central Ave	Oak Forest	60452
Bazos One Hour Inc	835 Walnut St	Elgin	60123
Clean Clean Dry Cleaners	6417 W Archer Ave	Chicago	60638
Delaney Heald Cleaners	10555 S Western Ave	Chicago	60643
Diversey Cleaners	3209-11 W Diversey Ave	Chicago	60647
Douglas Cleaners	1538 W Ogden Ave	Downers Grove	60515
Eagle Cleaners	8341 S Pulaski Rd	Chicago	60652
Elite Cleaners	165 E 147th St	Harvey	60426
First Cleaners of Barrington	722 S Northwest Hwy	Barrington	60010
First Street Cleaners	1106-1110 N First St	DeKalb	60115
JYS Heritage Cleaners	324 W Liberty Dr	Wheaton	60187
KustomKleen (Cleantopia)	1008 N Wilke Rd	Arlington Heights	60004
Lim's Cleaners	2416 W 69th St	Chicago	60629
L-Nor Cleaners	662 E Northwest Hwy	Mt Prospect	60056
Manteno Laundry	388 N Oak	Manteno	60950
M B Cleaners	2226 West Ogden Ave	Chicago	60504
Modernway Cleaners	14642 S Pulaski	Midlothian	60445
Mystic Craft Cleaners	5330 N Cumberland Ave	Chicago	60506
New Poly Cleaners	600 Madison St	Oak Park	60302
New Spring Cleaners	1142 Hill Grove Ave	Western Springs	60558
North Harlem CK Cleaners	7107-7109 W North Ave	Oak Park	60302
North Suburban Cleaners	7620 Dempster St	Morton Grove	60053
Olympic Cleaners	6729 W Ogden Ave	Berwyn	60402
Rainbow Cleaners	482 W Half Day Rd	Buffalo Grove	60089
Russell's Cleaners	41 W Jefferson Ave	Naperville	60540
Sam Cleaners Inc	5234 N Nagle	Chicago	60630
Tailorite Clothing & Repair Company	8459 S Cottage Grove Ave	Chicago	60619
The Cleaners	751 W Dundee Rd	Wheeling	60090
The Norman Laundry & Dry Cleaning	145 E Decatur St	Decatur	62521

It should be noted that facilities not found on this list may become eligible by making payments towards overdue license fees, insurance premiums, or administrative assessments. Drycleaners that have not submitted a claim may also become eligible upon enrolling in the Site Remediation Program.

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