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SCRD Meets, Appoints New Subgroup Chairs

The State Coalition for Drycleaner Remediation (SCRD) met in October 2002 in Madison, WI. SCRDR is comprised of the 11 state governments that have established formal programs to fund remediation of drycleaner. The October meeting featured presentation of technical case studies on remediation of drycleaner sites in Florida, Kansas, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. The agenda also included a four-hour training session focusing on evaluating intrusion of vaporized subsurface contaminants into indoor air spaces, including drycleaners, and the possible associated health risks, and day-long training on remediation in fractured bedrock.

During the meeting, Coalition members also selected new Chairs for the two subgroups that implement the Coalition's major projects. These are the Program Development/Administration Subgroup and the Project Management/Technical Issues Subgroup. Subgroup Chairs serve for a period of two years.

Steve Goins, Tennessee Drycleaner Environmental Response Program, is the new chair of the Program Development/Administration Subgroup. This Subgroup focuses on general administrative issues related to the formal programs in the 11 SCRDR member states, fee/fund solvency issues, and benefits associated with the various programs. The Subgroup updates a comparison of the elements of the 11 state programs in a publication called "State Drycleaner Remediation Programs." It also is compiling more detailed information about the funding mechanisms; eligibility, prioritization, and implementation issues; and the benefits that these programs provide for state remediation programs, drycleaners, and the environment. The information is designed to assist states considering development of new drycleaner remediation programs as well as SCRDR member states weighing program restructure options.

Bob Jurgens, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, chairs the Project Management/Technical Issues Subgroup. As its name implies, this Subgroup focuses on issues related to the actual cleanup of drycleaner sites. The Subgroup is in the process of updating a 1999 survey to gather data on assessment and remediation technologies that are used at drycleaning sites across the nation. Data collection is expected to be completed by the end of the year, and a report on analysis of the data will be issued in 2003. The Subgroup continues to develop searchable, Internet-based profiles of cleanup projects at drycleaner sites throughout the nation. These profiles provide users with technical information and lessons learned that can help

them in making more informed decisions related to the remediation of the sites in their states. The Subgroup also has developed a searchable, on-line database containing information on chemicals used in drycleaning operations. The database helps those involved in assessment and remediation of contaminated drycleaner sites and assists regulators conducting compliance inspections at drycleaning facilities.

A complete summary of the October 2002 meeting proceedings will be posted shortly on the SCRD web site at www.drycleancoalition.org. All products developed by the two SCRD Subgroups also are available on the web site.

Drycleaning Chemicals Database Popular with Web Site Users

Since it was posted in late summer, about 500 users have visited the **Chemicals Used in Drycleaning Operations** area of the SCRD web site (www.drycleancoalition.org/chemicals). The area includes a searchable, on-line database and a downloadable document providing detailed information about drycleaning products and the chemicals they contain. These resources can be used by government and private-sector professionals engaged in the assessment and remediation of contaminated drycleaner sites and by regulators conducting compliance inspections at drycleaning facilities. The database provides information on drycleaning products/trade names (as listed on Material Data Safety Sheets), who manufactures or distributes them, what the products are used for in drycleaning operations, what chemical ingredients each product contains, the CAS number for each chemical ingredient, any alternate name by which these chemicals are known, and any additional information available. The document provides current and historical information on the types of chemicals — solvents, other chemicals, pre-cleaning/spotting agents, garment treatments, and solvent and equipment maintenance materials — used in drycleaning operations.

SCRD Offers Contamination Assessment Guidelines

“Conducting Contaminant Assessment of Drycleaning Sites” will soon be available from the State Coalition for Drycleaner Remediation (SCRD) in the "Publications" section of the SCRD web site at www.drycleancoalition.org. The paper was written by SCRD members to help those engaged in conducting site characterization work at drycleaning sites by providing information and lessons learned about conducting effective contaminant assessment programs.

Since drycleaning facilities are located in urban areas, drycleaning solvent contamination is known to have impacted a large number of public drinking water supplies and threatens many other well fields. As a result, proper accurate site characterization is essential to ensuring that the impact of contamination at former and operating drycleaner sites on human health and the environment can be properly evaluated, so that appropriate and effective site cleanup can be conducted. Currently, there are approximately 36,000 active drycleaning facilities in the United States, and most of these facilities have soil and/or groundwater contamination associated with solvent usage.

SCRD members are state governments that have established programs to fund remediation of drycleaner sites. Current member states include Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Louisiana is currently a Coalition associate member, as it is considering a formal drycleaner remediation program, and New York and California, which do not have formal programs but are active in drycleaner remediation under other authorities, also participate in Coalition activities. The organization's mission is to provide a forum for states to share programmatic, technical, and environmental information to improve the remediation of drycleaner sites. For more information, contact SCRDR Chair Dick DeZeeuw, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, via e-mail at dezeeuw.dick@deq.state.or.us.

Inventory of Drycleaner Cleanup Profiles Continues To Grow

Profiles of remediation actions at more than 60 specific drycleaner sites throughout the United States are currently available on the SCRDR web site at www.drycleancoalition.org/profiles. These profiles, to the extent available, provide a consistent set of data about cleanup of the various sites to provide users, particularly state officials, with information that can help them in making more informed decisions related to the remediation of the sites in their states and, when possible, to provide pointers to additional information. Some of the data included in each profile are site description, type and concentration of contaminants, remediation technology used, results achieved, costs, lessons learned, and point-of-contact for further information. The profiles are searchable using key words entered by the user.

Users are encouraged to submit data for profiles of drycleaner site cleanups in their states. An online form and simple instructions can be accessed from the "Site Profiles" section of the web site.