

# Dry Cleaner Program

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 30, 2016  
Northwest Region - Portland  
700 NE Multnomah Street  
Portland, Oregon 97232



State of Oregon  
Department of  
Environmental  
Quality

### List of Attendees

#### Committee members:

Jim Kincaid, Chair, Cable Huston Benedict & Haagensen  
Allan Wright, Oregon Dry Cleaners Association (ODCA)  
Gary Campbell, ODCA  
Guy Tanz, PNG Environmental  
Kathey Butters, ODCA  
Peter Yoo, Korean American Dry Cleaners Association (KADCA)  
Steve Young, ODCA

#### DEQ Staff:

Abby Boudouris, Office of Policy & Analysis  
Bruce Gilles, Manager, Cleanup and Emergency Response  
Ed Patnode, Dry Cleaner Program Staff  
Joe Westersund, Dry Cleaner Program Coordinator

#### Others:

Jay Bleich, Bee Cleaners  
Liesel Campbell, Campbell's Cleaners

### List of Handouts and Presentation Notes

❖ No materials were handed out.

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1:30pm Meeting Commencement Time

## ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

The committee discussed three fee structure proposals:

### Tiered Flat Fee with no annual fee adjuster (DEQ proposal #1)

Proposal 1: Tiered Flat Fee with no annual fee adjuster	\$/site/year	Current Sites (2016)	\$/year (if at 2016 facility #s)
current perc or nPB dry cleaners	\$3,500	108	\$378,000
current DC (other solvents)	\$3,000	99	\$297,000
dry stores that were dry cleaners prior to 1998	\$2,500	17	\$42,500
listed inactive sites	\$2,500	29	\$72,500
<b>total</b>	-	253	\$790,000

### Tiered Flat Fee with 3% annual fee adjuster (DEQ proposal #2)

Proposal 2: Tiered Flat Fee with 3% annual fee adjuster	\$/site in first year	Current Sites (2016)	\$/year (if at 2016 facility #s)
current perc or nPB dry cleaners	\$3,000	108	\$324,000
current DC (other solvents)	\$2,750	99	\$272,250
dry stores that were dry cleaners prior to 1998	\$2,500	17	\$42,500
listed inactive sites	\$2,500	29	\$72,500
<b>total</b>	-	253	\$711,250

### Per-machine fee structure proposed by Gary Campbell

Gary's Proposal: Fee based on # of machines, no annual fee adjuster	\$/site/year	Current Sites / machines (2016)	\$/year (if at 2016 facility & machine #s)
current dry cleaners	\$1,000	207	\$207,000
dry stores that were dry cleaners at any time	\$1,000	18	\$18,000
listed inactive sites	\$1,000	29	\$29,000
perc & nPB machines	\$2,500	115	\$287,500
petroleum & Rynex machines	\$2,000	105	\$210,000
Green Earth machines	\$1,500	12	\$18,000
<b>total</b>	-	486	\$769,500

The above program revenue estimates use the number of facilities and dry cleaning machines that exist now in 2016. The number of dry cleaning facilities has been decreasing over time, so actual numbers in 2018 (the earliest that potential changes would likely take effect) would be lower. The dry cleaner program projects that the number of facilities and dry cleaning machines will likely decline at between 3% and 6.7% per year.

Peter Yoo said that KADCA members preferred DEQ proposal #2 (with a lower starting annual fee and 3% increase after that) over DEQ proposal #1. He said that KADCA members would also find the per-machine structure proposed by Gary Campbell to be acceptable.

ODCA members appeared to be split and said that they would have a phone call among themselves to decide which of the three proposals the ODCA as an organization would support.

Committee members supported changing the DEQ proposals so that dry stores are included if there was ever a dry cleaner on site, replacing language that would include dry stores only if there was a dry cleaner on site prior to 1998. DEQ agreed that this change was acceptable. This appears to affect only 1 or 2 facilities.

Some committee members suggested modifying DEQ Proposal #2 to increase the differential between perc/nPB and alternative solvent dry cleaners. They suggested setting the perc/nPB fee at \$3,250/year and the other solvent dry cleaners at \$2,500/year.

Peter Yoo stated that KADCA members would like the option to pay quarterly rather than in an annual payment. However, a quarterly option would increase DEQ's administrative costs for late fees and fee enforcement.

The committee discussed what would happen to the liability protection enjoyed by facilities currently in the program if agreement on a new fee structure is not reached. DEQ will ask the Oregon Department of Justice for their opinion under possible future scenarios.

Abby stated that DEQ will need to send draft language to the Governor's office in the middle of April 2016, and more finalized language to the Legislative Counsel in June 2016.

#### **4:00pm Meeting Adjournment Time**

The committee decided to have the next meeting on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. That meeting has now been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, April 13th

1:00 to 3:00pm

DEQ Headquarters building, 10th floor, room EQC-A

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