

**Dry Cleaning Advisory Group Meeting/Advisory Council Meeting  
Summary of Meetings: November 9<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>**

The Rule-making Advisory Group and the Advisory Council met on November 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the rule language so the rule could proceed to hearing authorization at the January Natural Resources Board meeting. The meeting was spent discussing the rule, and the specific comments provided by the Council and Advisory Group (John Robinson and Don Gallo provided written comments). Individual comments were discussed, and either agreed to be put into the rule, or discussed and agreed that the change would not be made. The rule reflects these changes. The December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was held as a conference call. At that time, specific comments were addressed regarding the rule, and most of the time was spent discussing the contracting provisions within the rule (NR 170.21). In addition, the issue of the timing of actions relating to funding availability was discussed, and the following note and a similar note was inserted into the rule in two locations where schedules were required:

**Note:** Schedules included in a Ch. NR 716 workplan may include phased approaches for the activities and will be negotiated based on factors such as the risk posed by the site, the anticipated effectiveness of the interim remedial action, the amount and quality of the preliminary site screening data, and financial considerations including the ability to pay for the response action and the availability of funds for reimbursement of response actions.

In addition, several members requested that the statute be changed so that a discharge caused by providers of product or services to a dry cleaner would no longer be exempt from the program. The department had previously considered this request and was not in agreement with it. The group was advised that they could pursue other mechanisms to achieve this change, but that the Department was not including it in their budget package. There was also a request for a schedule to be completed, so that the groups could anticipate future actions. The following schedule results from that request.

Robin agreed to get the last copy of the rule draft to the group within the next week. The rule needed to proceed through the internal process, and future comments to the rule would need to be made during the public comment period, in early 1999.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Significance</b>
NRB Meeting - Hearing Authorization	January 26, 27	Anticipate NRB will authorize NR 170 to go to hearings
Outreach on Hearings/Rule	February	Web page, fact sheet, WFI meeting, newsletter, listserve
Hearings (4 planned across the state)	March	Formal comment period
Prepare Responsiveness Summary	April/May	Respond to comments received during public hearing period
Reconvene Advisory Group/Council	April/May	Review comments/Discuss proposed rule changes resulting from comment period
NRB Meeting - Rule Adoption	July	Anticipate NRB will adopt rule
Legislative Review	August - September	Legislative committees can have separate hearings
Rule proceeds to Reviser of Statutes	October	Rule becomes effective 1 <sup>st</sup> of the month after published by the reviser of statute
Outreach on Rule	October - December	Web page, fact sheet, mailings, newsletter, listserve, WFI, others