

From NDI



NDI would like to wish you and your family a safe and wonderful holiday season. We hope that the holidays are filled with love, laughter and joy. Best wishes.

**Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year**

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Happy Holidays

NDI would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays. We hope that business has been and will be picking up in this chilly season. This newsletter is to inform our members that the end of the year is right around the corner and to remind you that there are several things you must make sure to get completed before the fiscal year. Shopping and spending time with your loved ones is fun and very important, however please do not forget to pay your license/ insurance fees, complete your four CEU credits, third party inspection and etc. Also we have placed the draft for the Perc Phase Out in this newsletter and we would like to hear your input. There will be a CEU held on December 14, 2010 and we would like to hear your input. If you can not attend please send it to us via mail, or fax. If you have any questions please call us at 847-791-9973.

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HB 6115/ HR 1174

(for further information visit <http://www.ilga.gov/>)

2/11/2010 Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Julie Hamos
First Reading & House Referred to Rules Committee

3/11/2010 Do Pass / Short Debate Environmental Health Committee
Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

3/12/2010 Fiscal Note Requested by Rep. William B. Black

3/25/2010 Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Deborah Mell

3/26/2010 Rules 19(a) Re- referred to Rules Committee

4/28/2010 Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Deborah Mell

4/29/2010 Re-referred to Rules Committee

5/25/2010 Recommends Be Adopted Environment &
Energy Committee; 014-000-000
Placed on Calendar Order of Resolutions
Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Michael J. Zalewski

5/27/2010 House Resolution Adopted 108-004-000

**CLEAN TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE
(PERCHLOROETHYLENE)**

Meeting Dates: August 24, 2010
September 14, 2010
October 26, 2010
November 30, 2010

HB 6115/ HR 1174 Summary

HB 6115 prohibited the use of Perchloroethylene in the dry-cleaning industry starting on January 1, 2013. The use of Perchloroethylene would be completely banned on January 1, 2026. The Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund Act would be revised requiring two additional taxes on Perchloroethylene. The money received from these additional taxes would be deposited into a grant account to be used subject to certain limitations: establish a demonstration program to showcase “green” solvent drycleaning technologies and provide grants to encourage a transition to use of those technologies. The phase-out date was set forth to reflect the estimated life of a perc dry-cleaning machine to be fifteen years.

HR 1174 created the Clean Technology Task Force (Perchloroethylene Task Force) to see if the industry could find some environmentally friendly, “green” solvent alternatives to Perc, identify the barriers to using the environmentally friendly alternatives, and to study appropriate methods for phasing out the use of perchloroethylene in dry cleaning operations in Illinois and encouraging the use of cleaner clothes cleaning technologies.

The Perchloroethylene Task Force consists of people in the IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency), environmental groups, dry cleaners associations, solvent distributors, dry cleaning machine distributors, and etc. They have all come together to pursue the House Resolution 1174 as an industry. Many issues have been discussed over the past few months and it seems that there has been an agreement: draft of the concepts that will be placed into a bill. The dry cleaning industry did not want a ban on Perc and the environmental companies wanted a ban at the earliest convenience. It was argued by the industry that there is no other solvent that cleans as well as Perc. The environmental groups were concerned that the human health risk is greater with Perc being used by dry cleaners. The industry would like a solvent that is not harmful to people as well as the environment that cleaners well. In order for dry cleaners to get the useful life out of their dry cleaning machines 2026 extended to 2030. There will be further reviews on alternate viable solvents in 2015, 2021, and a final report in no earlier than 2028 to ensure that there is a viable solvent for the dry cleaning industry. There are several components to having a viable solvent such as economic viability: ROI (return on investment) on equipment, labor costs, utility costs, technical requirements such as training, solvent costs and etc. Also, there are environmental issues that need to be met. What are the negative impacts to human health or the environment?

Council Meeting Summary

In October’s council meeting there were nine license late payment fee appeals and three insurance fee, loss of remedial program benefits appeals over the phone and in person before the council. There was one more license late payment fee appeal but discussed in closed session. The council board members reviewed each facilities case/appeal on a case by case basis. The administrator had mentioned that there may be an election for new council members after the new governor is appointed. He also

went through the ethics training materials and reviewed some examples of what a violation would be.

During the December council meeting there were many sites that needed approval for further funding on their clean up process. The administrator had stated that Illinois has cleaned up more contaminated site percentage (NFR letters) compared to any other state. He also mentioned that many states do not have a clean up program in place like Illinois does. However we are

not completed cleaning up contaminated sites. The administrator had also stated the status on other states and their opinions on Perc. Since the decrease in usage has been noted, other states are currently not pursuing the phase out/ban of Perc. Some states are considering offering grants for switching solvents however Illinois does not have the funding to provide grants for the dry cleaner owners.

If you would like further information please visit <http://www.cleanupfund.org/>

Perchloroethylene Phase-Out Concepts

1. Upon the effective date of the law the following shall apply (until January 1, 2030 – see 4 below):
 - a. Existing perc machines can continue to be used until the end of their useful life.
 - b. 3rd generation machines perc can only be used in their current locations by the current dry cleaner. They cannot be relocated to another facility, installed in a new facility, or sold or leased to another drycleaner for use in Illinois.
 - c. 4th and 5th generation perc machines can be relocated to another facility, installed in new facilities, and sold for use in Illinois.
 - d. Existing perc machines can be replaced with 4th or 5th generation perc machines.
2. All perc machines must have secondary containment.
3. All persons operating perc machines must be properly trained in the handling of the solvents used.
4. No perc machines can be used after January 1, 2030.
5. Manufacturers of drycleaning solvents must provide to the Illinois EPA sufficient information regarding the physical/chemical properties and toxicity data for drycleaning solvents sold or offered for sale in Illinois that will allow the Illinois EPA to determine if the drycleaning solvents may pose negative impacts to human health or the environment.
 - a. Within 18 months after the effective date of the law the Illinois EPA will adopt rules specifying the information manufacturers must provide. Information from the Illinois EPA's review will be made available to the public.
 - b. The statute or the Illinois EPA rules will contain a deadline for the manufacturers' submission of the drycleaning solvent information.
6. Alternatives to perc will be reviewed in order to provide information to drycleaners so they can make informed decisions when replacing perc machines.
 - a. Illinois EPA will review whether alternatives to perc (i) are allowed by law or (ii) may pose negative impacts to human health or the environment. The Illinois EPA will conduct this review three times (by January 1, 2015, by January 1, 2021, and by January 1, 2028). The Illinois EPA will distribute the information from its review.
 - b. The drycleaning industry will review the economic viability of alternatives (the economic review may include, but is not limited to, return on investment, labor costs, utilities, technical requirements and training, and solvent costs). The drycleaning industry will distribute the information from its review.
7. No earlier than January 1, 2028, the drycleaning industry, in consultation with the Agency, may recommend to the General Assembly a delay in the January 1, 2030 deadline if alternatives to perc will not be available by the deadline.



CEU Date	Time	Location
December 14, 2010	7:30 - 9:30PM 2 CEU Credits	L'Olivio (847) 999-0158 754 E Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg, IL

Things to complete before the end of this year

Pay license fee Before Dec 31, 2010 (2010 expires)

The Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund of Illinois has sent out DS-3 forms to dry cleaning facilities. They are to be completed and sent back with a payment. All dry cleaning plants must pay their license fee by December 31, 2010. If the license payment is not paid by this date, there will be a late payment fee assessed of \$5 per day. If the full payment cannot be made, please notify the Trust Fund to see if a payment plan can be set up.

Fee	Chlorine Based Solvents	Green Solvents	Petroleum w/ reclaiming	Petroleum w/o reclaiming
	0-50Gallon	0-50 Gallons	0-250 Gallons	0-500 Gallons
	50-100Gallon	50-100 Gallons	250-500 Gallons	500-1,000 Gallons
	100-150Gallon	100-150 Gallon	500-750 Gallons	1,000-1,500 Gallon
	150-200Gallon	150-200 Gallon	750-1,000 Gallons	1,500-2,000 Gallon
	200-250Gallon	200-250 Gallon	1,000-1,250Gallon	2,000-2,500 Gallon
	250Gallon over	> 250 Gallon	> 1,250Gallons	> 2,500 Gallons

Why Fund Insurance is Needed

Trust Fund Insurance premium can be divided into two installments. (Please see the chart on the left. Remember to pay the balance in full by December 31, 2010. Late payments have a 10 day grace period. However, if the payment is not received within the extended 10 days your insurance will be automatically cancelled. Without it, there can be a clean up fee from \$300,000 and over \$500,000 coming out of your pocket.

Register for a Compliance Program

Every two years, dry cleaners owners/operators must register to a compliance program. Please register by December 31, 2010 or your insurance may be cancelled. A free compliance program is offered for NDI compliance program members. (See box below and following page for some NDI membership benefits)

3rd Party Inspection

A 3rd party inspection is required to be completed bi-yearly or yearly depending on the facility. However, since cleaners may have changed owners or compliance programs throughout the years NDI recommends to get inspections yearly. NDI insures its members that their 3rd party inspection will be completed within the year.

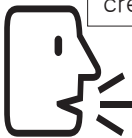
NDI Compliance Program Membership Yearly Fee: \$200

In order for cleaner plants to register for this membership, you must be in compliance with the Trust Fund

- * NDI will keep track of your logs, receipts and etc
- * Yearly 3rd party inspection
- * Yearly compliance program certificate(4 CEU credits) * Regular NDI membership benefits included

Four CEU Credits

Every year a minimum of four CEU credits must be fulfilled. Two credits must be Green and duplicate topics are not credited for. Even though a third party inspection is required biyearly, NDI recommends it to be completed yearly. First, is to ensure the two Green credits are obtained. Secondly, some facilities require a yearly inspection. If you do not complete the required CEUs, your insurance will be cancelled. There are some upcoming CEU dates on the following page. Please come to a CEU course that is convenient for you.



Ways to submit:
 1. via Email Fax@ndiedu.com 2. via Fax 847-890-6548
 3. via Mail 83 W. Schaumburg Rd. Schaumburg IL 60194
 If you have any questions, Please call 847) 791-9973.

Please give us your input so that we may voice your concerns.

Do you agree with the Perc Phase Out? Yes or No If no, please tell us why.

Please take into consideration all the efforts that the Task Force has done: Third generation Perc machines may be used until the end of their life span, instead of 2026 it has been pushed back until 2030, Perc machines can be purchased in new facilities, and old ones may be replaced with forth/fifth generation, and for further information please attend our CEU on December 14, 2010.

Business Name: _____ Business Telephone: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ v _____

*Please submit by December 14, 2010