



Dry-cleaning Solvent Cleanup Act (DSCA)

Ask: Extend the Sunset for DSCA

- Supported by the NC Association of Launderers and Cleaners -

Key Takeaways

- ✓ Program entry is voluntary
- ✓ Entirely receipt funded
- ✓ Supported by the industry

DSCA by the Numbers

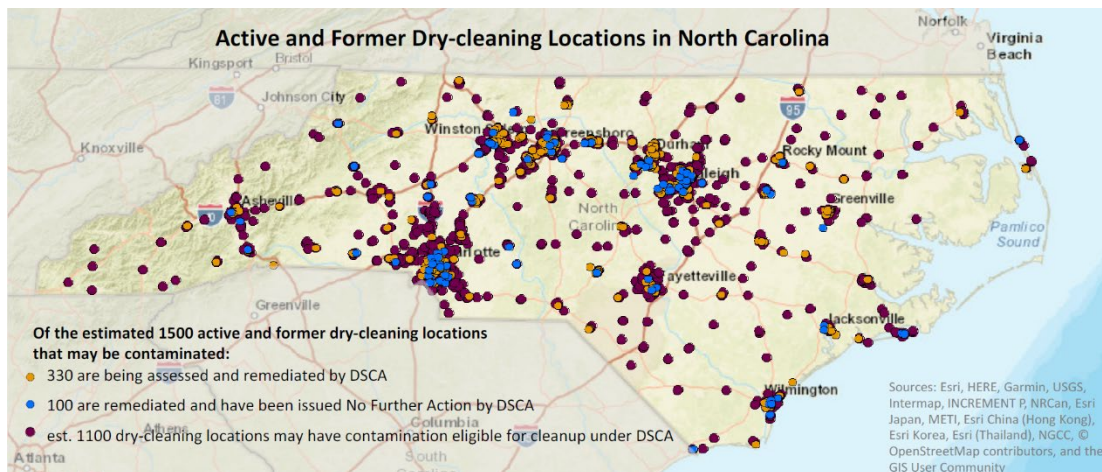
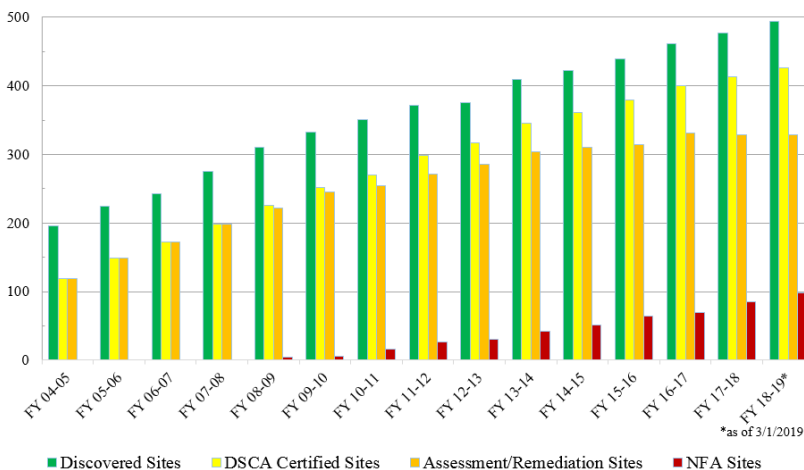
- **1,500** contaminated dry-cleaning sites in NC.
- **\$350,000** – estimated average cost to cleanup each site.
- **1-2%** – percentage of cleanup costs paid by participants.
- **427** contaminated sites certified into the DSCA cleanup program, with **20 to 25** new sites certified each year.
- **98** sites where No Further Action notices have been issued.
- **8 to 10** cleanups completed each year.
- **334** sites currently being assessed and cleaned up by the DSCA Fund.
- **494** active dry-cleaners and solvent suppliers statewide inspected by DSCA to promote safe handling of dry-cleaning fluids.
- **13** years that DSCA has provided annual compliance calendars (in **three** languages) to help dry-cleaners comply with applicable regulations.

DSCA authorized a voluntary program in 1997 to help address the risks and costs of cleaning up contaminated dry-cleaning sites.

- Without action, the funding for DSCA will sunset on January 1st, 2020 and the program itself will sunset January 1st, 2022.
- There are ~2,000 active and abandoned dry-cleaning sites in North Carolina, an estimated 75% of which are contaminated.
- Contamination from dry-cleaning solvents is expensive to clean up and can limit future redevelopment of that land.
- Majority of contaminated sites are due to past solvent handling practices.
- Authorizing statutes are in Chapter 143, Article 21A, Part 6.
- Program is entirely funded by receipts – primarily through fees on the purchase of dry-cleaning solvent pursuant to Chapter 105, Article 5D of the General Statutes.

Additional Features of the DSCA Program:

- Covers 98-99% of the cleanup costs associated with environmental contamination from dry-cleaning solvents.
- Provides technical assistance to active dry-cleaners to prevent new contamination.
- North Carolina's DSCA program has become a model for the rest of the country.



Current Statutes

- Funding sunsets Jan. 1, 2020.
- Program sunsets Jan. 1, 2022.