



Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund 2024 Report

Executive Summary

Section 25(h) of the Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust (“DERT”) Fund Act (415 ILCS 135) directs the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to prepare a report as deemed necessary after 2022 reflecting the status of the DERT Fund (“the Fund”), identifying administrative expenses incurred by the Agency in its administration of the Fund, identifying amounts from the Fund that have been applied toward remedial action and insurance claims under the Act, and identifying drycleaning facilities within the state that are eligible for reimbursement from the Fund that have completed remedial action. For a background of the program, please review previous DERT Fund reports.

DERT Fund Overview

As of July 1, 2024, the Fund had a balance of \$1,487,103.15. During State Fiscal Year 2024, the Fund generated \$1,248,099.03 of revenue. Two categories of costs are paid from the Fund: administrative expenses for the Illinois EPA’s oversight of the Fund and reimbursement of remediation claims.¹ Section 10(f) of the DERT Fund Act limits the Illinois EPA’s administrative expenses to no more than \$600,000 per State Fiscal Year. During State Fiscal Year 2024, the Illinois EPA incurred \$423,769.21 of such expenses. This included salaries and fringe benefits of employees whose responsibilities included reviewing license applications, remedial action applications, requests for payment, and other submissions related to the Illinois EPA’s administration of the Fund. In addition, the Illinois EPA approved and paid \$642,486.21 of remedial action claims from the DERT Fund in State Fiscal Year 2024. In total, the Illinois EPA approved 23 claims for 20 sites.

The latest count of licensed drycleaners for 2024 is 451 facilities. The DERT Fund issued 149 insurance policies with policy dates starting July 1, 2023 up to June 31, 2024. Fifty-one of the 82 drycleaner sites currently enrolled in the Site Remediation Program are not currently actively operating or licensed as a drycleaner. Licensed operators enrolled in the Site Remediation Program must maintain continuous insurance to remain eligible for reimbursement. Inactive drycleaning sites enrolled in the Site Remediation Program must pay an annual \$3,000 administrative assessment due February 1 of each year to remain eligible for reimbursement.

Sites Eligible for Reimbursement¹

During the transition of the administration of the Fund, the Illinois EPA received records reflecting outstanding approved remedial actions from the Council. The Illinois EPA reviewed those records to confirm the roster of sites that previously submitted approvable budgets and work plans for cleanup work necessary to address drycleaning-related releases; in addition, the Illinois EPA reviewed current program records to update the list of sites in the previous DERT Fund Reports.

As of December 31, 2024, there are 24 drycleaning facilities currently eligible for reimbursement from the DERT Fund for approved remedial actions activities. Those sites are:

Drycleaning Facility	Facility Address	City	Zip
Aquamarine Cleaners	14723 Central Ave	Oak Forest	IL 60452
Bazos One Hour Inc	835 Walnut St	Elgin	IL 60123
Clean Clean Dry Cleaners	6417 W Archer Ave	Chicago	IL 60638
Delaney Heald Cleaners	10555 S Western Ave	Chicago	IL 60643
Deluxe Cleaners	102 S Batavia Ave	Batavia	IL 60510
Dial Cleaners	2827 Dundee Rd	Northbrook	IL 60062
Eagle Cleaners	8341 S Pulaski Rd	Chicago	IL 60652
Elite Cleaners	165 E 147 th St	Harvey	IL 60426
First Cleaners of Barrington	722 S Northwest Hwy	Barrington	IL 60010
KustomKleen (Cleantopia)	1008 N Wilke Rd	Arlington Heights	IL 60004
L-Nor Cleaners	662 E Northwest Highway	Mt Prospect	IL 60056
Manteno Laundry	388 N Oak	Manteno	IL 60950
M B Cleaners	2226 West Ogden Ave	Chicago	IL 60504
Modernway Cleaners	14642 S Pulaski	Midlothian	IL 60445
New Poly Cleaners	600 Madison St	Oak Park	IL 60302
New Spring Cleaners	1142 Hill Grove Ave	Western Springs	IL 60558
North Suburban Cleaners	7620 Dempster St	Morton Grove	IL 96053
Olympic Cleaners	6729 W Ogden Ave	Berwyn	IL 60402
Rainbow Cleaners	482 W Half Day Rd	Buffalo Grove	IL 60089
Sam Cleaners Inc	5234 N Nagle	Chicago	IL 60630
Tailorite Clothing & Repair Company	8459 S Cottage Grove Ave	Chicago	IL 60619
The Cleaners	751 West Dundee Road	Wheeling	IL 60090
The Norman Laundry & Dry Cleaning	145 E Decatur St	Decatur	IL 62521
Wayne's Cleaners	575 Roger Williams Ave	Highland Park	IL 60035

¹ For the purposes of this report, “remediation claims” covers both remedial action claims for releases that occurred earlier than 2006 and insurance claims for all subsequent releases.

It should be noted that facilities not found on this list may become eligible by making payments towards overdue license fees, insurance premiums, or administrative assessments. Drycleaners that have not submitted a claim may also become eligible upon enrolling in the Site Remediation Program.

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