

Kansas Dry Cleaning Program



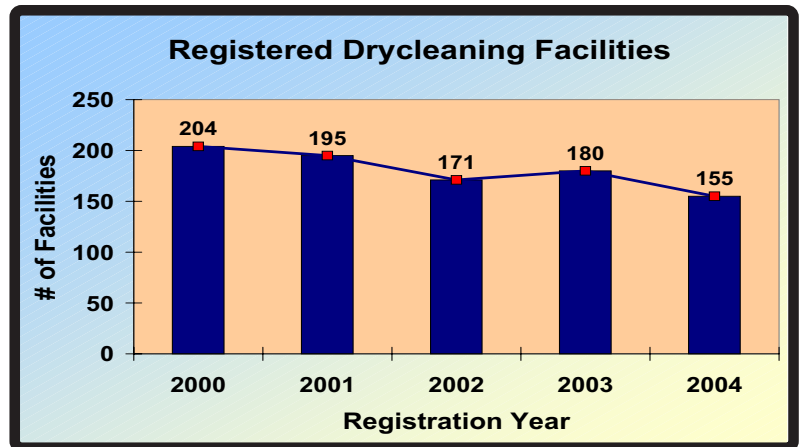
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2004 Facility Registration Data

Calendar Year 2004 ushered in the era of on-line registration for Kansas dry cleaners. These capabilities allowed 24 hours / 7 days per week registration convenience. The on-line registration is available at KDHE's Dry Cleaning Program web page at www.kdhe.state.ks.us/drycleaning.

The national trend of dry cleaning facility consolidations and closures was evident in Kansas. A total of 155 facilities registered with the Kansas Dry Cleaning Program as of July 1, 2004 compared to 180 in 2003. The graph shown to the right depicts the registrations since the inception of facility registrations in 2000. All currently registered facilities can be found through a search of the Registered Facility Verification web page at the Web site shown above.



How to use the On-line Registration Web Site

Proceed to the Kansas Dry Cleaning Program Web site at www.kdhe.state.ks.us/dryclean. The registration Web site is located on the home page and under the "Facility Registration" section. When you click on the "On-Line Registration" link you will go directly to the On-line Dry Cleaning Registration Web site. Follow the instructions on the web page and it will lead you through the registration process.



If you are renewing your registration, most of the facility information will already be provided. Please gather the information noted to the side prior to beginning the registration process.

Mandatory information:
The 2005 registration form includes a requirement for the social security number or

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN).

Information needed to complete your on-line registration.

- Current Registration Number
- Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number
- Solvent Distributor
- Solvent Type
- Solvent Use (amount)
- Solvent Storage Method
- Solvent Delivery Method - Perc only
- Waste Storage Method
- Waste Disposal Method

One night a wife found her husband standing over their baby's crib. Silently she watched him. As he stood looking down at the sleeping infant, she saw on his face a mixture of emotions: disbelief, doubt, delight, amazement, enchantment, skepticism. Touched by this unusual display and the deep emotions it aroused, with eyes glistening she slipped her arm around her husband. "A penny for your thoughts," she said. "It's amazing!" he replied. "I just can't see how anybody can make a crib like that for only \$46.50."

Meet the Staff

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Dan is a project manager for KDHE with responsibilities in the Kansas Dry Cleaning Program, Landfill Remediation Program, and Natural Resources Damage Program. He currently manages multiple drycleaning and landfill projects and assists with natural resource damage assessments for KDHE. Dan has a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from Eastern Connecticut State University. He has worked for KDHE since January 1998. Prior to working at KDHE, Dan worked in the environmental consulting industry for 9 years.



Oops!!

"Did you see how pleased Mrs. Smith looked when I told her she didn't look a day older than her daughter?"

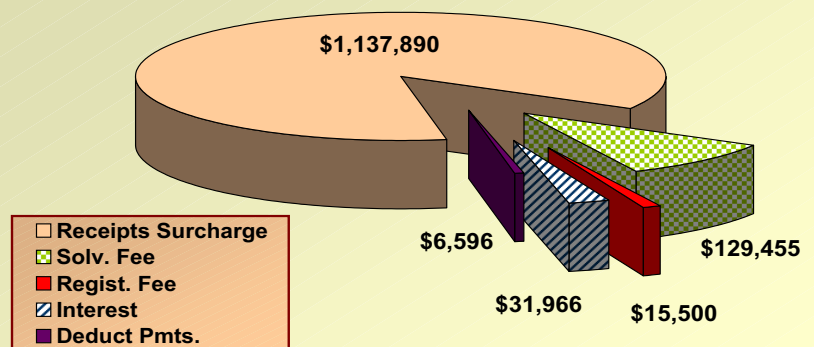
"I didn't notice Mrs. Smith...I was too busy watching the expression on her daughter's face!"

Receipts and Expenditures

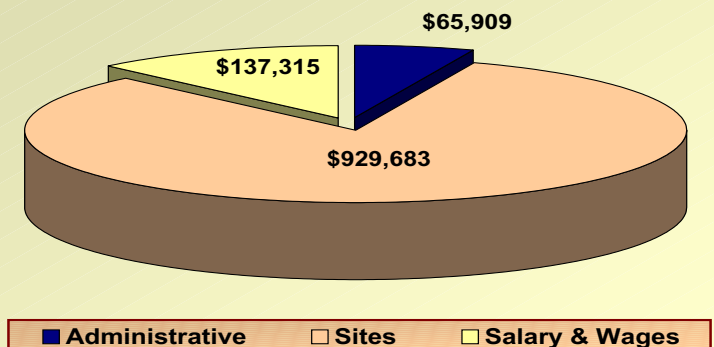
Receipts for the Kansas Dry Cleaning Program includes drycleaning facility registrations fees, solvent fees, 2.5 percent environmental surcharge, deductibles for sites in the dry cleaning trust fund, and interest earned by the trust fund. The receipts for Fiscal Year 2004 (July 1, 2003 though June 30, 2004) are shown on the upper graph to the side. The total of \$1,321,407 is relatively consistent with previous years' receipts.

Expenses are documented in the lower graph. The total expenses of \$1,132,907 are slightly below normal spending as KDHE continues to prepare for some costly remediation projects in 2004-2005. Likely future site expenditures include approximately \$750,000 for a groundwater remediation system in Hutchinson, \$250,000 for a water hookup project in Wichita, and more than \$100,000 for several groundwater remediation systems in Wichita.

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Fiscal Year 2004 Expenses \$1,132,907



2004 Non-Compliance Rate Causes KDHE to Step Up Inspection Efforts in 2005

KDHE's 2004 pollution prevention inspection program produced some disturbing results due to a high rate of noncompliance at dry cleaning facilities. Twenty-three facilities were inspected by KDHE's Dry Cleaning Program for pollution prevention measures outline in the Dry Cleaning Environmental Response Act (DERA). These measures which include, but are not limited to secondary containment, waste handling, waste documentation, inspection documentation, timely equipment repair, direct-coupled delivery of perc solvent, and proper separator water disposal are mandatory at all dry cleaning facilities operating in the State of Kansas.

Six of the 23 facilities had major violations, often due to the lack of secondary containments or improper waste handling procedures. These types of violations can lead to soil and groundwater contamination due to leaks, spills, etc. KDHE's efforts in the Trust Fund Program have taught us to make every effort to encourage facilities to prevent unnecessary spills, leaks, and discharges. Compliance with pollution prevention measures greatly enhances the chance the dry cleaning industry can keep some of these facilities from polluting the soil and waters of the state of Kansas.

KDHE inspectors will be inspecting all remaining dry cleaning facilities in the next 18 months to ensure all facilities are in compliance with DERA regulations. An inspector will be scheduling inspections beginning in Jan. 2005. Facilities that are not in compliance may be assessed administrative penalties up to \$500 per violation per occurrence. KDHE strongly recommends you attend the compliance workshops mentioned below or contact the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) at (800) 578-8898 for a free confidential evaluation of your facility. Please keep in mind that DERA inspections are different than the KDHE Bureau of Air and Radiation's maximum achievable control technology standards (MACT) for air emissions compliance inspections.

..... **Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) To Offer Free Environmental Compliance Workshops for Dry Cleaners**

If you have questions like...

- ✓ *Are all dry cleaners required to have secondary containment?*
- ✓ *What do I do with my separator water?*
- ✓ *What regulatory paperwork am I required to keep on file?*



...then the dry cleaner environmental compliance workshop is for you!

Kansas State University Pollution Prevention Institute will be holding a free two-hour workshop to educate dry cleaners on the many environmental regulations that apply to this industry. Attend either an afternoon or early-evening workshop on one of the following scheduled days:

- Feb. 9, 2005, Sedgwick Co. Extension Office, Wichita
- Feb. 10, 2005, Carver Center, Salina
- Feb. 15, 2005, Johnson Co. Extension Office, Olathe

Call Barb or Nancy at 800-578-8898 for more information or to register. A Kansas dry cleaner compliance manual and various fact sheets can be found at <http://www.sbeap.org/ppi/industry/drycleaners.htm>.

Dry Cleaner Compliance Calendars

All registered dry cleaners should receive their 2005 compliance calendars by early December. Please call 800-578-8898 if you do not get one for your facility or need additional copies.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I pay solvent fees and the environmental surcharge if I use carbon dioxide or GreenEarth solvents and they are solvents that are "good" for the environment? Carbon dioxide and Green Earth solvents, among others, are often touted as "green" technologies that don't harm the environment like perc solvents. In 1995 the dry cleaning industry in Kansas lobbied to pass the Dry Cleaning Environmental Response Act (DERA) to help clean up contamination resulting from dry cleaner operations. The funding source for the Trust Fund Program was set up by the industry as a tax on the industry, not just for specific solvents. Historic practices have left us with over 70 facilities in the Trust Fund that have contaminated soil and waters in the State of Kansas and the industry has pledged to help clean up these sites. Many more sites have not yet discovered contamination, but in all likelihood it is there. While some solvents may be better for the environment, the funding for the Kansas Dry Cleaning Program remains an industry-wide tax to ensure the Trust Fund will still be viable if facility owners discover their facility has an environmental problem.

A Wise Man Once Said:

"The only disability in life is a bad attitude. Scott Hamilton

"People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it. Unknown Author

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