



STATE OF ILLINOIS
**OFFICE OF THE
AUDITOR GENERAL**

William G. Holland, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

DRYCLEANER ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE TRUST FUND COUNCIL

**COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION
For the One Year Ended: June 30, 2011**

Release Date: June 19, 2012

Summary of Findings:

Total this audit:	1
Total last audit:	1
Repeated from last audit:	1

INTRODUCTION

The Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund Council (Council) oversees the licensure of all retail drycleaning facilities in the State of Illinois. The Council also reimburses drycleaner facilities for costs of remedial action for solvent releases, which occurred in fiscal years 1998 through 2006. The Council offers insurance to facilities to insure against solvent release cleanup costs subsequent to fiscal year 2006. The Council has contracted with a third party administrator to conduct daily operations and fiscal and administrative duties, under the oversight of the Council.

SYNOPSIS

- Council member appointments or reappointments had not been made as required by statute.

{Expenditures and Activity Measures are summarized on the reverse page.}

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EXPENDITURE STATISTICS	2011	2010
Total Expenditures.....	\$ 3,416,049	\$ 3,942,478
OPERATIONS TOTAL.....	\$ 3,416,049	\$ 3,942,478
% of Total Expenditures.....	100.0%	100.0%
Total Receipts.....	\$ 659,938	\$ 815,673

SELECTED ACTIVITY MEASURES (Not Examined)	2011	2010
License applications received.....	1,069	1,112
Licenses in force.....	1,064	1,104
Insurance applications received.....	549	568
Insurance policies in force.....	545	567
Eligible remedial and insurance claims filed.....	699	699
Eligible remedial and insurance claims closed.....	436	389
Cost per license application.....	\$101	\$99
Cost per insurance application.....	\$101	\$101
Cost per eligible claim filed.....	\$633	\$582

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN	
During Examination Period:	John Polak
Currently:	John Polak

**FINDING, CONCLUSION, AND
RECOMMENDATION**

EXPIRED COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

100% of Council member appointments had expired

During fiscal year 2011, the appointed terms had expired for seven of seven (100%) Council members. The appointed terms had been expired for three to five years as of June 30, 2011. (Finding 1, Page 7) **This finding was first reported in 2007.**

We recommended the Council continue to work with the Governor's Office to obtain current appointments as soon as possible.

Council representatives stated Council members have applied for reappointment. Representatives further stated that beyond continued contacts with the Governor's Office, the appointments are outside the Council's control.

We will review the Council's progress toward implementing our recommendation in our next examination.

AUDITORS' OPINION

We conducted a compliance examination of the Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund Council in accordance with the Illinois State Auditing Act. We have not audited any financial statements of the Commission for the purpose of expressing an opinion because the Commission does not, nor is it required to, prepare financial statements.



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AUDITORS ASSIGNED

This examination was performed by staff of the Office of the Auditor General.

DIGEST FOOTNOTE

#1 EXPIRED COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS – Previous Council Response

2010: Council members have applied for reappointment directly and online. The Council has and will continue to make contacts with the Governor's Office to secure current reappointments for the terms that have expired. Beyond making these contacts, the appointments are out of the Council's control.