



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 Year Ended: June 30, 2013**

Release Date: May 22, 2014

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	2013	2012
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,160,513	\$ 3,387,547
OPERATIONS TOTAL.....	\$ 3,160,513	\$ 3,387,547
% of Total Expenditures.....	100.0%	100.0%
Total Council Receipts	\$ 646,977	\$ 634,584

SELECTED ACTIVITY MEASURES (Not Examined)	2013	2012
License applications received.....	958	991
License in force.....	953	983
Insurance applications received.....	531	533
Insurance policies in force.....	529	526
Open insurance claims.....	0	0
Insurance claims with payments made.....	1	1
Eligible remedial and insurance claims filed.....	699	699
Eligible remedial and insurance claims closed.....	477	457
Open remedial claims.....	222	242
Remedial claims with payments made.....	678	678
Cost per license application.....	\$ 104	\$ 104
Cost per insurance application.....	\$ 104	\$ 103
Cost per eligible claim filed.....	\$ 710	\$ 497

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

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

EXPIRED COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

**Three of seven Council members
had expired terms**

During Fiscal Year 2013, the appointed terms had expired for three of seven (43%) of the Council members. The appointed terms expired on May 1, 2007 for one Council member, on May 1, 2008 for one Council member, and on May 1, 2013 for one Council member. (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.

The Council administrator stated that effective June 2013 and July 2013, the Governor issued two new appointments. The administrator further stated that beyond continued contacts with the Governor's Office, the appointments are outside the Council's control. *(For the previous Council response, see Digest Footnote #1)*

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

AUDITORS' OPINION

We conducted a compliance examination of the Council in accordance with the Illinois State Auditing Act. The Council has no funds that require an audit leading to an opinion on 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**

2012: Effective October 2012, the Governor issued three reappointments and one new appointment. The Council has and will continue to make contacts with the Governor's Office to secure reappointments or new appointments for the terms that have expired. Beyond making these contacts, the appointments are out of the Council's control.