



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, 2012

Release Date: June 19, 2013

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	2012	2011
Total Expenditures.....	\$ 3,387,547	\$ 3,416,049
OPERATIONS TOTAL.....	\$ 3,387,547	\$ 3,416,049
% of Total Expenditures.....	100.0%	100.0%
Total Receipts.....	\$ 634,584	\$ 659,938

SELECTED ACTIVITY MEASURES (Not Examined)	2012	2011
License applications received.....	991	1,069
Licenses in force.....	983	1,064
Insurance applications received.....	533	549
Insurance policies in force.....	526	545
Eligible remedial and insurance claims filed.....	699	699
Eligible remedial and insurance claims closed.....	457	436
Cost per license application.....	\$ 104	\$ 101
Cost per insurance application.....	\$ 103	\$ 101
Cost per eligible claim filed.....	\$ 497	\$ 633

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 2012, the appointed terms had expired for seven of seven (100%) Council members. The appointed terms had been expired for four to six years as of June 30, 2012. (Finding 1, Page 7) **This finding was first reported in 2007.**

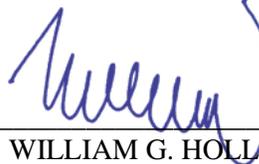
We recommended the Council continue to work with the Governor's Office to obtain current appointments as soon as possible.

The Council administrator stated that effective October 2012, the Governor issued three reappointments and one new appointment. The administrator 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. 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**

2011: 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 reappointments for the terms that have expired. Beyond making these contacts, the appointments are out of the Council's control.