

May 31, 2018

Gina Amacher  
Minnesota Department of Revenue  
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RE: Changes in Fees for the Dry Cleaner Fund

Dear Gina Amacher:

The Dry Cleaner Environmental Response and Reimbursement Law requires the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to adjust fees on dry cleaning facilities and chemicals annually as necessary to maintain an annual income of \$650,000 to the Dry cleaner Environmental and Reimbursement Account (Account).

As the number of dry cleaning facilities continues to decline, and as dry cleaning machines become more efficient in their use of dry cleaning chemicals, it is necessary to raise fees regularly to maintain the statutorily required annual income to the Account. The MPCA has determined that the current fee levels will not be sufficient to reach the income target of \$650,000 this year, based on the current number of registered dry cleaners, and the quantity of cleaning chemicals being used. We have determined the following fee levels will be necessary to move toward the required target income.

Annual Registration Fees - Due on or before October 18<sup>th</sup> of each year, or quarterly, as established in Minn. Stat. 115B.49, Subd. 4. Annual registration fee increase will take effect July 1, 2018:

1. <5 Full Time Employees (FTEs) = \$3,582;
2. 5-10 FTEs = \$7,729; and
3. >10 FTEs = \$14,232.

Product Fees - Due on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month following the month in which the sales of dry cleaning solvents are made, beginning on July 1, 2018, as established in Minn. St at . 115B.49, Subd. 4:

1. Tetrachloroethene (Perchloroethylene or Perc) = \$43.07;
2. Hydrocarbon-based solvents = \$22.84; and
3. Other non-aqueous solvents = \$10.66.

These fees are projected to generate approximately \$650,000 to the Fund. This letter serves as the formal request for the Department of Revenue to change the fees to the amounts noted above.


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If you or your staff has any questions regarding the fee changes discussed in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 651-757-2691 or Crague Biglow at 651-757-2229 or Jennifer Haas at 651-757-2401, or Sondra Campbell 651-757-2840 of my staff.

Sincerely,



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