New Hampshire Dry Cleaner Inspection Initiative

- **Why?**
  - Large number of small businesses that can have a significant impact on the environment.
  - Most of the dry cleaners are Federal CESQGs with limited awareness or limited understanding of environmental regulations.
  - Initiative was an opportunity to educate and have a positive impact on the sector.

- **113 Evaluations Done**
  - 58 Drop Off Locations
  - 55 Dry Cleaners
    - 5 using alternative solvents
      - Solvon K-4 (acetal): 3
      - Green Earth® SB32 (Siloxane): 1
      - DF2000™ (High Flash Hydrocarbon): 1
    - 50 using perchloroethylene
  - Common Violations
    - Container marking
    - Open containers
    - No filters on misters or evaporators
    - Improper management of separator water
      - Biggest Issue
        - Hazardous Waste: 16
        - Mister w/ filter: 7
        - Evaporator w/ filter: 9
        - Recycle: 2
        - Illegal: 17
          - Carbon filter to POTW (not adequate): 1
          - Crock Pot: 7*
          - Boiling: 1
          - Evaporating without filter/Air: 7
          - Drain to septic: 1*
            - *One company doing both
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- Enforcement Actions
  - 3 Penalty Actions
    - Totaling $12,200
  - 1 Remediation- Site investigation requested
  - 3 Pending further action

- Alternative Solvents
  - Some facilities don’t feel that they work as well as Perc
  - Facilities don’t know how to manage the alternative solvent waste.

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