

## **Dry Cleaner Remediation Program Legislation**

House Bill [HB 2376](#) and Senate Bill [SB 444](#), which amended [Chapter 374](#) of the Texas Health & Safety Code, were passed by the 79th Texas Legislature and signed by the Governor.

HB 2376 became effective September 1, 2005 and:

- removed the 5-year ownership requirement for landowner eligibility for the remediation program
- revised the fee structures
- extended the deadline for opting out of DC Facility Release Fund
- limited the applicability of some performance standards.

SB 444 became effective immediately and

- extended the deadline for opting out to February 28, 2006
- allowed some dry cleaners that opted-out to receive credit for previously paid fees (that exceed the non participating rate).

### **Status of the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Rules:**

The Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Rules, ([30 TAC 337](#)) went into effect on June 1, 2005. They were written to implement the original dry cleaner law, [HB 1366](#), (78th Texas Legislature).

The passage of HB 2376 and SB 444 required an amendment to the Dry Cleaner Rules which became effective February 2, 2006.