

## NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Oceana Rapid Site Greenville, South Carolina

SCDES (the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through December 10, 2024.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 24-7468-NRP, will affect approximately 9.4 acres located at 1320 and 1326 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Greenville County Tax Map Serial Numbers 0139000100100, 0149000800200, and 0139000100300. A company known as AC Hampton Station Owner, LLC (AC Hampton), wants to acquire the property and intends to develop the property for continued commercial/retail use.

The property was historically developed for industrial uses consisting of a cotton mill/warehouse and a metal processing facility. The past use of the property may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

SCDES uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, SCDES will allow AC Hampton to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property.

SCDES will not hold AC Hampton responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, AC Hampton will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, AC Hampton will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. AC Hampton did not create the pollution but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, AC Hampton will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at <a href="https://des.sc.gov/PublicNotices">https://des.sc.gov/PublicNotices</a>. Printed copies may be obtained from the SCDES Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through December 10, 2024. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, by e-mail at Jerry.Stamps@des.sc.gov telephone (803) 898-0927 or TOLL-FREE at (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Jerry Stamps at SCDES, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.