



SC DEPARTMENT of
**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Santee Cooper Grainger Plant
Horry County, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through December 17, 2024.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 24-5912-NRP, will affect approximately 777.59 acres located 1605 Marina Drive, Conway, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Horry County Tax Map Serial Numbers 1370003004, 1370002105, and a portion of 1370003002 . The City of Conway wants to acquire the property and intends to develop the property for public recreation.

The property was formerly operated as a coal-fired power plant, including two ash ponds. 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 the City of Conway 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 the City of Conway responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, the City of Conway will test soil, groundwater, and surface water on the property. If significant contamination is found, the City of Conway will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. the City of Conway did not create the pollution but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, the City of Conway 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 <https://des.sc.gov/PublicNotices> . 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 17, 2024. Questions or comments may be directed to Sophia Owens, Project Manager, by e-mail at Sophia.Owens@des.sc.gov telephone (803) 898-0932, or TOLL-FREE at (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Sophia Owens at SCDES, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.