



SC DEPARTMENT of
**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Plantation Cleaners Property
Goose Creek, South Carolina

SCDES (the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through January 22, 2025.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, VCC 24-7862-NRP, will affect approximately 10 acres located at 1316 Red Bank Road, Goose Creek, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Berkeley County Tax Map Serial Numbers 252-11-07-018 and 252-11-07-020. A company known as Scrooge Industries, LLC (Scrooge), wants to acquire the property and intends to continue its use as a multi-tenant retail shopping center.

The property has a history of dry-cleaning operations. 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 Scrooge 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 Scrooge responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Scrooge will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, Scrooge will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Scrooge did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, Scrooge 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://www.des.sc.gov/community/community-engagement/environmental-public-notice>. 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 January 22, 2025. Questions or comments may be directed to Nick Hammond, Project Manager, by e-mail at nick.hammond@des.sc.gov telephone (803) 898-0736, or TOLL-FREE at (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Nick Hammond at SCDES, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.