



SC DEPARTMENT of
**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Colite Industries
West Columbia, South Carolina

SCDES (the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through February 19, 2025.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 24-5865-NRP, will affect approximately 3.04 acres located at 228 North Parson Street, West Columbia, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Lexington County Tax Map Serial Number 004640-15-004. A company known as Colite City One Owner, LLC (CCOO), wants to acquire the property and intends to develop the property for commercial retail and office space, including a large event/convention center space.

The property previously utilized as a sign manufacturing 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 CCOO 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 CCOO responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, CCOO will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, CCOO will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. CCOO did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, CCOO 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 February 19, 2025. 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.