

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Pendergrass Property site Conestee, South Carolina

SCDES (the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through April 2, 2025.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 25-4991-NRP, will affect approximately 2.96 acres located at the intersection of Conestee Road and Conestee Lake Road in Conestee, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Greenville County Tax Map Serial Number M013020100111. A company known as Reedy Mill, LLC (Reedy), wants to acquire the property and intends to develop it for multi-family residences.

The property was used as an unregulated dump and more recently as a borrow pit for topsoil and dirt. 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 Reedy 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 Reedy responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Reedy will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, Reedy will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Reedy did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, Reedy 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 <u>https://des.sc.gov/PublicNotices</u>. 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 April 2, 2025. Questions or comments may be directed to Chris Stanbery, Project Manager, by e-mail at christopher.stanbery@des.sc.gov telephone (803) 898-0924, or TOLL-FREE at (866)576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Chris Stanbery at SCDES, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.