



SC DEPARTMENT of
**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
ENGEL BROTHERS FURNITURE
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 25-8802-NRP, will affect approximately 0.32 acres located at 423 King Street, Charleston, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Charleston County Tax Map Serial Number 460-16-02-044. A company known as Chicco Associates, LLC (Chico), wants to acquire the property and intends to convert the interior of the building from offices to retail space.

The property was previously used for various commercial purposes. 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 Chicco 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 Chicco responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Chicco will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, Chicco will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Chicco did not create the pollution but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, Chicco 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 April 2, 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.