



SC DEPARTMENT of
**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Burlington Cotton Co.
Greenville, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through April 16, 2025.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 25-8803-NRP, will affect approximately 9.48 acres located 1533 Buncombe Road, Greenville, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Greenville County Tax Map Serial Number 0150000100100. A company known as South Sterling, LLC (South Sterling), wants to acquire the property and intends to develop it for commercial purposes.

The property was previously developed as a cotton warehouse and was a portion of an acid chamber associated with the Virginia Chemical Company Co. 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 South Sterling 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 South Sterling responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, South Sterling will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, South Sterling will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. South Sterling did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, South Sterling 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 16, 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.