



SC DEPARTMENT of  
**ENVIRONMENTAL  
SERVICES**

**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
NICCA USA, INC. (PORTION)  
FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 25-8804-NRP, will affect approximately 22.2 acres located at 1044 South Nelson Drive, Fountain Inn, South Carolina. The property is further identified as a portion of Laurens County Tax Map Serial Number 068-00-00-011. A company known as CarolinaPower, Inc. (CarolinaPower), wants to acquire the property and intends to develop it as the regional headquarters for CarolinaPower.

The property was previously used for agricultural and industrial 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 CarolinaPower 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 CarolinaPower responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, CarolinaPower will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, CarolinaPower will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. CarolinaPower did not create the pollution but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, CarolinaPower 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 19, 2025. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, by e-mail at [Jerry.Stamps@des.sc.gov](mailto: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.