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The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through June 3, 2025.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 25-8810-NRP, will affect approximately 2.09 acres located at 240 Marlboro Street SE, Aiken, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Aiken County Tax Map Serial Number 121-10-06-001. A company known as RTC Properties Birmingham, LLC (RTC), wants to acquire the property and intends to continue commercial use of the property with a warehouse.

The property is currently developed as a rebar production facility. The adjoining property was used for petroleum storage from the 1920s. Past use of the property and the adjoining 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 RTC 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 RTC responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, RTC will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, RTC will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. RTC did not create the pollution but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, RTC 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 June 3, 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.