

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Carter May Home Charleston, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through June 25, 2025.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 25-8813-NRP, will affect approximately 5 acres located at 1660 and 1662 Ingram Road, Charleston, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Charleston County Tax Map Serial Number 415-03-00-128. The City of Charleston (City) wants to acquire the property and intends to develop the property as office space with parking for City of Charleston employees.

The property adjoins a former dry cleaner. The past use of 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 the City 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 the City responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, the City will test soil, groundwater, and soil vapor on the property. If significant contamination is found, the City will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. The City did not create the pollution but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, the City 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 25, 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.