

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Dimare Johns Island (Former) Property Johns Island, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through July 8, 2025.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 25-8801-NRP, will affect approximately 15.75 acres located at 860 Main Road, Johns Island, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Charleston County Tax Map Serial Number 250-00-00-002. A company known as OREP Owner 860 Main LLC (OREP), wants to acquire the property and intends to redevelop the current buildings for use as commercial warehouses, as well as construct additional commercial buildings for multitenant uses.

The property was historically used as a tomato processing plant with aboveground and underground storage tanks. 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 OREP 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 OREP responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, OREP will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, OREP will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. OREP did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, OREP 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 July 8, 2025. Questions or comments may be directed to Nick Hammond, Project Manager, by e-mail at nick.hammond@des.sc.gov, telephone at (803) 898-0736, or TOLL-FREE at (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Nick Hammond at SCDES, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.