

## NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Springs Industries – Eureka Plant (Portion) Chester, South Carolina

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

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 25-5588-NRP, will affect approximately 21.8 acres located at 598 Old Saluda Road, Chester, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Chester County Tax Map Serial Numbers 079-01-08-001-000 (19.38 acres) and 079-01-08-005-000 (2.55 acres). A company known as Eureka Mill Partners, LLC (EMP), wants to acquire the property and intends to develop it as a solar energy generation facility.

The property is a former textile mill. 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 EMP 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 EMP responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, EMP will test soil, sediment, and surface water on the property. If significant contamination is found, EMP will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. EMP did not create the pollution but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, EMP 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 <u>https://des.sc.gov/PublicNotices</u> . 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 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.