



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
**Former Charleston Naval Complex – Parcel B**  
**North Charleston, South Carolina**

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through November 11, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 15-5044-NRP, will affect approximately 10.5 acres located on the former Charleston Naval Complex, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Charleston County Tax Map Serial Number 400-00-00-202. The South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA) wants to acquire the property from the current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and the SCSPA.

The property was previously a portion of the former Charleston Naval Complex. The past use of the property may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. The SCSPA intends to develop the property as a portion of the planned Port Access Road to the Charleston Naval Base Container Terminal. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow the SCSPA to acquire the property as a “Brownfields Site” because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property.

DHEC will not hold the SCSPA responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, the SCSPA will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, the SCSPA will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. The SCSPA did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, the SCSPA 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 <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/> . Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through November 11, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, by e-mail at [stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov) telephone (803) 898-0927, or Alex Fulmer at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Jerry Stamps at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.