

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

DHEC-Bureau of Land and Waste Management, File # 50583
Ascend/Solutia/Monsanto Site

**NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY CLEANUP CONTRACT, CONTRIBUTION PROTECTION,
AND COMMENT PERIOD**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) intends to enter into a Voluntary Cleanup Contract (VCC) with Ascend Performance Materials Operations, LLC (Responsible Party). The VCC provides that the Settling Party, with DHEC's oversight, will fund and perform future response actions at the Ascend Performance Materials Operations, LLC facility located in Greenwood County, at 1515 Highway 246 South, Greenwood, South Carolina, and any surrounding area impacted by the migration of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (Site).

Future response actions addressed in the VCC includes, but may not be limited to, the Responsible Party funding and performing: a Remedial Investigation that will determine the source, nature, and extent of the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants and a Feasibility Study that will evaluate alternatives to clean-up the Site. Further, the Responsible Party will reimburse the Department's future costs of overseeing the work performed by the Responsible Party and other Department costs of response pursuant to the VCC.

The VCC is subject to a thirty-day public comment period consistent with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9613, and the South Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Act (HWMA), S.C. Code Ann. § 44-56-200 (as amended). Notice of Contribution Protection and Comment Period will be provided to known potentially responsible parties via email or US mail. The VCC is available:

- (1) On-line at www.scdhec.gov/Apps/Environment/PublicNotices; or
- (2) By contacting David Wilkie at 803-898-0882 or wilkietd@dhec.sc.gov.

Any comments to the proposed VCC must be submitted in writing, postmarked no later than June 27, 2016, and addressed to: David Wilkie, DHEC-BLWM-SARR, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Upon the successful completion of the VCC, the Responsible Party will receive a covenant not to sue for the work done in completing the response actions specifically covered in the Contract and completed in accordance with the approved work plans and reports. Upon execution of the VCC, the Responsible Party shall be deemed to have resolved its liability to the State in an administrative settlement for purposes of, and to the extent authorized under CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9613(f)(2) and 9613(f)(3)(B), and under S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-56-200, for the response actions specifically covered in the Contract including the approved work plans and reports. Contribution protection is contingent upon the Department's determination that the Responsible Party has successfully and completely complied with the VCC.