



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Former South Carolina State Ports Authority Property
Port Royal, South Carolina**

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through October 24, 2017.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 17-5747-NRP, will affect approximately 317 acres located from Ribaut Road to 6th Street, Port Royal, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Beaufort County Tax Map Serial Numbers R113010-000-0075, R113-010-000-0077, R113-010-000-0079A, R113-010-000-0079, R113-010-000-182A, and R113-010-000-182C. A company known as Grey Ghost Properties, LLC (Grey Ghost), wants to acquire the property from the current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Grey Ghost.

The property was previously developed for industrial purposes including a port terminal. 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. Grey Ghost intends to develop the property for mixed use including waterfront development and a marina available for public use through the leasing of slips. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Grey Ghost 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 Grey Ghost responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Grey Ghost will test soil, groundwater, and sediment/surface water on the property. If significant contamination is found, Grey Ghost will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Grey Ghost did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, Grey Ghost 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 October 24, 2017. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, by e-mail at 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.