



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
AAA Storage
Sheppard Street and Meeting Street, Charleston**

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract Amendment through January 10, 2018.

The Amendment to Voluntary Cleanup Contract 16-6390-NRP, will affect approximately 0.97 acres located at 44, 46, 48, and 20 Sheppard Street and 505 Meeting Street that are further identified as Charleston County TMS number 4590503138 (0.57 acres), and a portion of Sheppard Street in Charleston, South Carolina. A company known as East Line Partners, LLC (ELP) wants to acquire the property from the current owner. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract Amendment will be between DHEC and ELP.

The western portion of the property was part of railway operations that included rail lines, lumber storage and a railroad car shed. Other past activity on the eastern portion of the property included an auto repair and a gasoline filling station. These past uses may have resulted in environmental pollution on the property. Currently, the property is vacant and the surrounding land use is a mix of residential and commercial uses.

ELP plans to develop the property for mixed uses including commercial, multi-family residential, lodging, open space and transit. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow ELP to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activities on the property. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites.

DHEC will not hold ELP responsible for pre-existing pollution on the property in exchange for doing work under a Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, ELP will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, ELP will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. ELP did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, ELP 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 January 10, 2018. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, by e-mail at gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0929, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.