



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
A Portion of the Charleston Steel and Metal Site, 107 Brigade Street,
Charleston, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract until July 8, 2009. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and a company known as Ginn-LA Promenade SYS, LLC (“Ginn”).

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 09-5691-NRP, will affect approximately 12.1 acres identified by tax map number 464-00-00-003. The Property is between Brigade and Romney Streets to the north and south, and N. Romney Street and the CSX Railway parallel to Morrison Street to the east and west. Ginn wants to lease the property to include it with adjacent properties undergoing commercial, residential and recreational development.

The property has been known as the N. Goldberg and Sons Junk Yard, and has been a scrap iron and metal recycling yard for the past 70 years. Metal crusher operations, lead battery and drum storage areas, and other potential sources of hazardous substances and petroleum releases have been present on the property over the years.

The property is identified as a “Brownfields Site” because of the potential for environmental pollution. Ginn did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will not hold Ginn responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the contract. Under State law, Ginn will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, Ginn will test samples of soil, groundwater, surface water and sediment from the property. If significant contamination is found, Ginn will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. Public comments on the proposed contracts help DHEC balance the environmental and redevelopment issues in the best interest of the state. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public_notice.asp. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract until July 8, 2009. Questions or comments may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manger, email overcajc@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 896-4019, or Craig Dukes, email dukescv@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.