



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
FORMER CHARLESTON NAVAL BASE PROEPRTY
Charleston County, South Carolina**

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments until November 19, 2009 on a proposed amendment to a Voluntary Cleanup Contract between DHEC and Clemson University.

The existing Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 07-5044-NRP, allowed Clemson University to acquire approximately sixty acres from the City of North Charleston in 2007. The proposed amendment will allow Clemson to acquire another 9.72 acres from the City. The Charleston County School District 20 currently uses the property as the Academic Magnet High School. Clemson University will redevelop it as part of their restoration research campus.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract is required because the property had been part of the former Navy Base, and may have low levels of environmental contamination from the Navy's operations. The contract allows Clemson to own the property without becoming responsible for the pollution caused by the Navy. Clemson will conduct groundwater testing on the property in exchange for DHEC's release from liability for the pollution. If significant contamination is found, Clemson University will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment. Entering into this contract does not reduce the Navy's responsibility for contamination caused by the site.

Public comments on the proposed contracts and amendments help DHEC balance the environmental and redevelopment issues in the best interest of the state. The proposed amendment 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 November 19, 2009. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manger, email stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 896-4285, 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.