



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
SHAW INDUSTRIES SITE
3405 Allendale Fairfax Highway (US 278), Fairfax, South Carolina**

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract until November 19, 2009. The Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance (“Southern Carolina”), a non-profit economic development organization

Southern Carolina is seeking this contract in order to acquire the abandoned Shaw Industries property without being held liable for pre-existing environmental pollution on the property. Southern Carolina did not create the pollution, but will conduct testing on the property to make sure it is safe for re-use. Under State law, Southern Carolina will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination; however, entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Various companies have operated the property as a yarn spinning manufacturing plant since 1964. Industrial chemicals in use at the time leaked to the environment and have contaminated groundwater on the property. The responsible parties working under DHEC’s oversight have reduced the groundwater contamination levels; however, potential contamination may occur in some areas of the property that have been fully tested. Under the proposed contract, Southern Carolina will test soil and groundwater. If significant contamination is found, Southern Carolina will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 09-5511-NRP, will affect approximately 27.55 acres identified by tax map number 106-00-032-00. The Property is bounded generally by the Allendale Workforce Center and agricultural land beyond to the northwest; Allendale-Fairfax Highway (US Highway 278), a railroad line, and agricultural land beyond to the northeast; Middle School Road, and the Allendale-Fairfax Middle School beyond to the southeast; and agricultural land and State Road 3-329 beyond to the southwest. Southern Carolina intends to provide the facility to economic prospects as a ready-to-occupy building for manufacturing, warehousing and distribution jobs.

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 November 19, 2009. Questions or comments may be directed to Craig Dukes, Project Manger, email dukescv@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to him at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.