



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
7:00 PM, Tuesday June 2, 2009
and
30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
VICTOR MILL Site
250 Victor Avenue, Greer, South Carolina**

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is announcing a public meeting and a public comment period on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract. The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, # 09-5649-NRP, will be between DHEC and Spartanburg County.

Spartanburg County is seeking this contract in order to acquire the abandoned Victor Mill property without being held liable for pre-existing environmental pollution on the property. The County did not create the pollution, but will clean up the pollution to make the property safe for re-use.

A public meeting explaining the Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting of the Victor Mill Community Association. The meeting will be at **7:00 PM, Tuesday June 2, 2009** at the Victor Methodist Church, 1 Wilson Avenue in Greer.

DHEC is also accepting public comments on the proposed contract until July 1, 2009. If the contract is implemented, Spartanburg County will acquire the old Victor Mill site and will redevelop it for either commercial or residential use. The Victor Mill property is approximately 24.2 acres identified by tax map numbers 9-04-05-003.00 and 9-04-05-003.01.

Victor Mill operated as a textile mill from the 1890's to the 1990's. All buildings on the property have been destroyed by fire or partially demolished. Portions of the property are covered with piles of building debris. Testing has found the building debris is contaminated with lead-based paint, asbestos, and other substances from the mill operation.

DHEC will not hold Spartanburg County responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Because the work is done under a Voluntary Cleanup Contract, the County is not responsible under State laws if anyone has been affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of the former owners and operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, Spartanburg County will remove the building debris and will test samples of soil, groundwater and surface water from the property. The County may be required to take additional steps depending on the results of the testing and the intended re-use of the property.

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. Public comments on the proposed contracts help DHEC balance the environmental and redevelopment issues in the best interest of the State.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract until July 1, 2009. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manger, email gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 896-4121 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.