



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
BOOZER LUMBER COMPANY SITE  
1400 Atlas Road, Columbia, South Carolina**

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract, #09-5808-NRP, until August 13, 2009.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract will affect approximately 27 acres identified by tax map numbers R16305-02-01, R16305-02-02, R16305-02-07, R16305-02-08, R16305-02-09, and R16305-02-10. A company known as “1400 Atlas Properties, LLC” (Atlas Properties) wants to acquire the property from its current owners, the Boozer Lumber Company. Atlas Properties intends to market the property for commercial use.

The property was first developed in 1966, and was used by the Boozer Lumber Company for building supplies, warehouses, and truss manufacturing from 1979 to 2007. Boozer had several underground storage tanks containing gasoline, diesel fuel, and oil for their vehicle fleet operation. Environmental testing has found the tanks have leaked petroleum products into the groundwater under the site. DHEC is overseeing cleanup of the groundwater contamination.

This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Atlas Properties. If the Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Atlas Properties to acquire the property as a “Brownfields Site” because of the environmental pollution. Atlas Properties did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

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

Atlas Properties will test samples of soil and groundwater from the property subject to under the proposed contract. If significant contamination is found, Atlas Properties 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](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 August 13, 2009. Questions or comments may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manger, email [overcajc@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:overcajc@dhec.sc.gov), telephone (803) 896-4019, or Craig Dukes, email [dukescv@dhec.sc.gov](mailto: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.