



South Carolina Department of Health  
and Environmental Control

Bureau of Land & Waste  
Management  
Division of Site Assessment  
& Remediation

**Philip Services  
Corporation Site**  
2324 Vernsdale Rd, Rock Hill, SC

## Fact Sheet

### SCDHEC Activities

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (the "Department" or "DHEC") is investigating the release of hazardous substances at the Philip Services Corporation Site (the "Site") at 2324 Vernsdale Road, Rock Hill, South Carolina. The Department will be informing the public of the cleanup activities the Department has performed at the Site as well as the anticipated future response activities at the Site. This Fact Sheet is provided to assist the public in understanding what is occurring in their community and to provide background information regarding the Site.

### Announcement of Public Meeting

**May 25, 2006 at 7:00 pm**

DHEC will hold a public meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2006, at 7:00 pm at:

**South Point High School Auditorium  
128 Robertson Road, Rock Hill, SC**

During the public meeting, the Department will provide information regarding:

- The contamination at the Philip Services Corporation Site,
- The Site Assessment & Remediation Program's cleanup activities at the Site, and
- The future planned activities at the Site.

The Department will also provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and comment on the activities. The Department will seek information as to how the public would like to be informed in the future of the Department's cleanup activities at the Site. It is the Department's goal to keep the residents informed and provide opportunities to be involved with the cleanup activities at the Site.

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For Our Spanish-speaking  
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Se Habla:  
866-300-9327

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Community:  
800-984-4357

The Department may provide interpreters if requested in advanced.

**Announcement of the Availability of  
The Administrative Record  
At The York County Library-Main Branch**

The Department announces the Administrative Record for the Site will be available for public review after the May 25 Public Meeting. The Administrative Record includes documents that form the basis for the selection of the response/cleanup actions. The Site's Administrative Record is housed at two locations:

1. SCDHEC's Bureau of Land and Waste Management office at 8911 Farrow Road, Columbia, South Carolina, and is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm by submitting a Freedom of Information Request and receiving an appointment to view the file; and
2. The York County Library-Main Branch at 138 East Black Street, Rock Hill, South Carolina, and is available Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Sunday from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

All interested persons are encouraged to review the Administrative Record located in Columbia or at the Main Branch of the York County Library. The Department requires a written Freedom of Information ("FOI") Request in order for persons to obtain an appointment to review the Site File housed at DHEC. One may use the FOI request form on the Department's website at [www.scdhec.gov/administration/foi/index.htm](http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/foi/index.htm) and click on "Request Form (pdf), or one may send a letter, like the example below:

*[Insert Your Full Name ]*  
*[Insert Your Full Address]*  
*[Insert Your City, State, Zip Code]*  
*[Insert Your Telephone Number ]*

*Mr. Jody Hamm, FOI Officer*  
*SCDHEC's Freedom of Information Office*  
*2600 Bull Street*  
*Columbia, SC 29201*

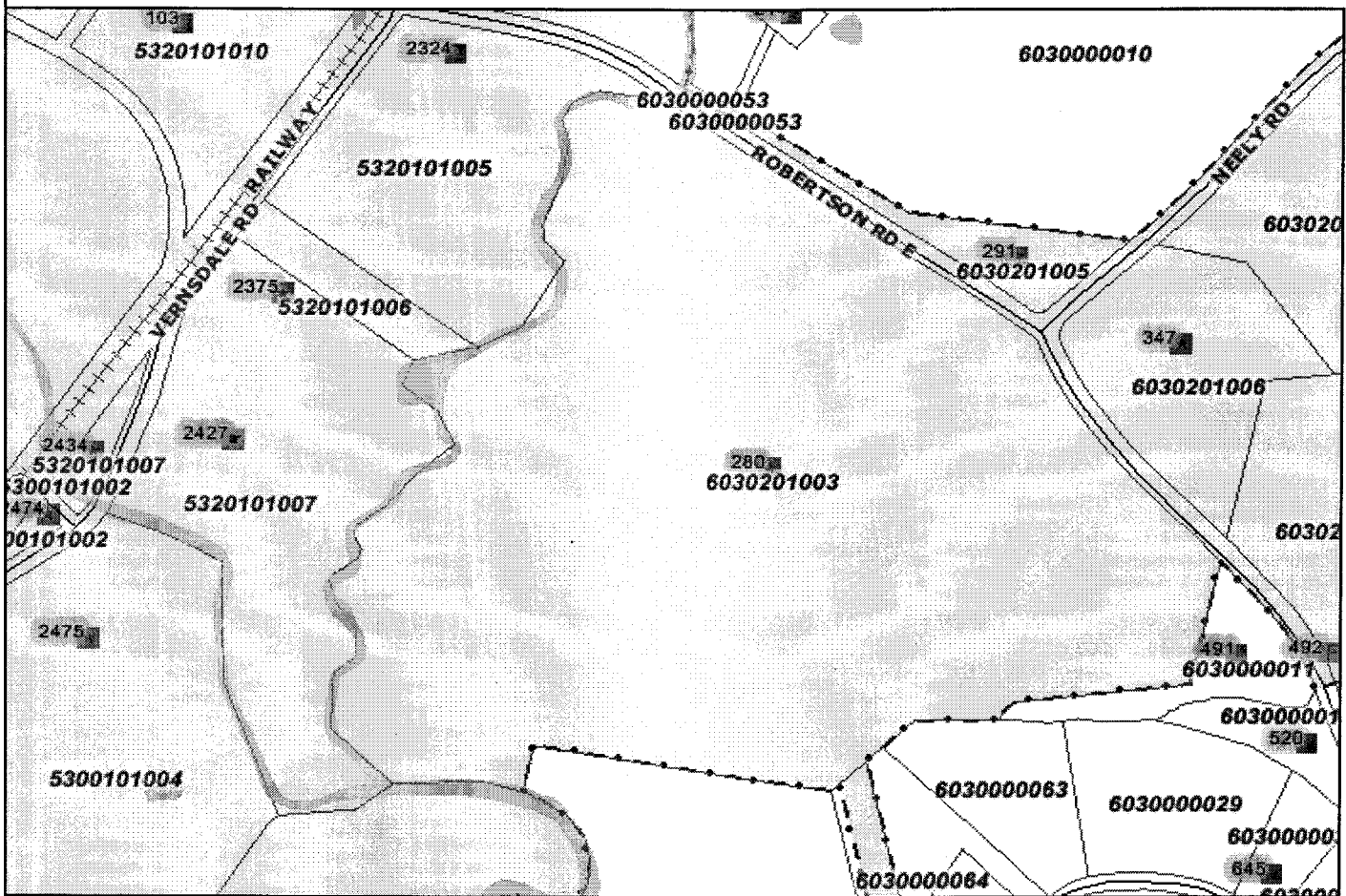
*Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOI), I would like to review and/or copy SCDHEC Bureau of Land & Waste Management's Site File #51316 for the Philip Services Corporation Site. Please contact me at [Your Phone Number] to schedule an appointment.*

*Sincerely,*

*[Insert Your Name]*

### Brief Site History

- The former Philip Services Corporation Site (the "Site") is located at 2324 Vernsdale Road near the intersection of Robertson Road in Rock Hill, in York County, South Carolina. The Site includes of four tracts: Tract 1 is approximately 18 acres; Tract 2 is approximately 2.83 acres; Tract 3 is approximately 25 acres; and Tract 4 is approximately 108.308 acres.



- Walter D. Neal, Sr. operated under the name of Industrial Chemical Company on Tracts 1 and 2 from approximately 1966 and Peggy Neal, the wife of Walter Neal, owned and operated Quality Drum Company, Inc. on Tract 3.
- Under interim status, Industrial Chemical became a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal facility in 1980. In 1981, a hazardous waste incinerator was installed and the facility was permitted to process, blend, and recycle waste streams and waste site cleanup operations.

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- In 1982, Quality Drum was acquired by Industrial Chemical.
- Upon Stablex South Carolina, Inc.'s purchase of the facility in May of 1983, Stablex obtained Tracts 1, 2, and 3. Stablex also purchased Tract 4 as a wooded buffer area for the facility.
- At the time of purchase, approximately 26,000 drums and 200,000 gallons of bulk liquid waste were stored at the Site.
- The facility thereafter was also operated under the names of Thermalkem, Inc., Piedmont Analytical, Inc., PSC Petro-Chem South Carolina, and Nortru, Inc.
- Philip Services Corporation (PSC) took over operations and management of the facility in 1995 and began implementing an incinerator closure plan in 1998.
- During the facility's operations, it accepted hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants from industries, educational institutions, and state and federal agencies across the United States. It is believed at this time that approximately 7,000 potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") have sent hazardous waste to the Site during the course of the facility's operations.
- In 2001, PSC notified the Department of its intent to close the facility. PSC submitted a closure plan for the remaining above-ground interim status units on the Site. The closure plan was approved by the Department in November 2002. Remediation work for the above-ground units was completed in the summer of 2003. The closure activities did not address soils and groundwater contamination.
- PSC filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy on June 2, 2003. In December 2003, PSC, the Department, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") entered into a settlement. The settlement established a custodial trust and appointed Restoration & Redevelopment Solutions, LLC as the custodial trustee. An account was also created to provide partial funding for responses actions, investigation and remediation actions, and closure and post-closure actions selected and approved by the Department and USEPA. The settlement also established the Department as the lead governmental agency for response actions.
- In December 2003, DHEC's Site Assessment and Remediation Section began response activities at or in connection with the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Site.
- These response activities included collection and analysis of environmental samples, operation of groundwater extraction and treatment system and demolition of a dilapidated structure that once housed the incinerator.

#### **Contamination Sources and Potential Sources**

- Area of Incinerator
- Fuel Oil Tank
- Storage Areas for Drums and Containers containing Contaminants
- Buried Drums
- Lagoons and Ponds
- Soil Contamination
- Ash from Processes
- 1979 and 1995 Fires—water used to stop fires also caused releases of contaminants into the soils