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State Superfund Program

**Former Philip Services
 Corporation Site**
 2324 Vernsdale Rd, Rock Hill, SC
RI/FS Fact Sheet Update

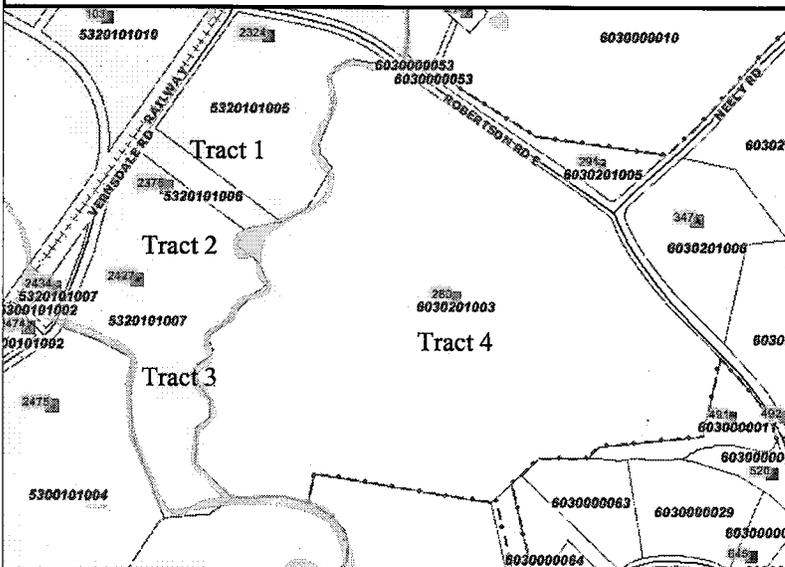
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DHEC's Activities

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (the "Department" or "DHEC") is investigating the release of hazardous substances at the former Philip Services Corporation Site (the "Site") at 2324 Vernsdale Road, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

In June 2005, the Department began field activities associated with the Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (the "RI/FS"). The purpose of the Remedial Investigation is to determine the nature and extent of the contamination and to identify potential risks caused by the contamination. This RI includes multiple sampling events and other activities in and around the Site property. Phase III of the RI is expected to begin in July 2007. The Feasibility Study, which follows the RI, will evaluate potential cleanup alternatives for the Site. Upon completion of the RI/FS, the Department will issue a Proposed Plan that summarizes the cleanup alternatives and identifies the Department's recommended remedy. The Department anticipates that the Proposed Plan will be completed by early 2008.

After the Proposed Plan is developed, the Department will hold a public meeting to present the Proposed Plan and allow the public an opportunity to comment on all of the alternatives. Further, the Department will provide the community 30 days after the public meeting to submit written questions, concerns, and insight. After considering all comments submitted, the Department will document its final decision for the cleanup in a document called the Record of Decision.



The Site Property

The Site includes four tracts:

- Tract 1, approx. 18 acres, housed the administrative building, incinerator container storage area, solvent recovery, and lab building;
- Tract 2, approx. 2.83 acres, housed the incinerator;
- Tract 3, approx. 25 acres, housed the wastewater treatment tanks and container storage area; and
- Tract 4, approx. 108.308 acres, was used as a buffer zone.

Other Past Facility Operators

Walter D. Neal, Sr. and Peggy Neal
 Stablex South Carolina, Inc.
 Piedmont Analytical, Inc.

Industrial Chemical Company
 Stablex Corporation
 PSC Petro-Chem South Carolina

Quality Drum Company
 NuKEM Corporation/ThermalKEM, Inc.
 Nortru, Inc.

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**DHEC's Site
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- Can assist with any special needs of the public

Please let DHEC know if you need or if you know someone in the community who needs translation assistance, by calling:

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

For Our Hearing-Impaired
Community:
800-984-4357

The Department may provide interpreters if requested.

The Department's Past Response Activities

- Electromagnetic Survey performed at the Open Field, the Back Corner near Creek, and the former Parking Lot
- Developed Health & Safety Protocol
- Test Trenching in Open Field and behind Site Fence
- Stream Screening Samples Collected at over 130 locations
- Stream Sampling in 10 Locations
- Groundwater Sampling from 54 of the 56 On-site Monitoring Wells performed twice
- Removal of former Incinerator Building After Snow Storm Damage
- Performed Upgrades to Existing Pump & Treat System and Automated System to Reduce Labor Costs and Increase Production
- Initial Identification of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) by DHEC
- Developed Fact Sheet and Held Informational Meeting with the community and PRPs
- Developed Community Involvement Plan and Mailing List
- Conducted Phase 1 Assessment of 56 Soil Borings
- Conducted Phase 2 Assessment Installation of Additional Monitoring Wells and Collection of Soil Samples

Present and Future Response Activities

- Continuing to Operate Existing Pump & Treat System
- Ongoing Remedial Investigation to Characterize the Sources, Nature and Extent of Contamination
- Develop Baseline Risk Assessment
- Develop Feasibility Study which will Evaluate Cleanup Alternatives
- Develop Proposed Plan and Seek Public Comments
- Develop Record of Decision

Contamination Sources and Potential Sources

- Area of Incinerator
- Fuel Oil Tank
- Storage Areas for Drums and Containers containing Waste
- Lagoons and Ponds
- Soil Contamination
- Ash from Processes
- 1979 and 1987 Fires—water used to stop fires also caused releases of contaminants into the soils

Potentially Responsible Parties

The past facility operators accepted hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants from industries, educational institutions, and governmental agencies across the United States. It is believed that approximately 7,000 potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") have sent waste to the Site during the course of the facility's operations. Since 2004, the Department has forwarded notices to approximately 93 parties of their potential liability and has held several meetings with PRPs to discuss the funding or performance of the assessment and cleanup activities. As a result of these discussions, a group of PRPs represented by common counsel formed the "Philip Services Site PRP Group" to negotiate with the Department.

The Philip Services Site PRP Group

In December 2004, as part of its early negotiations with the Philip Services Site PRP Group, the Department allowed the Philip Services Site PRP Group's consultant, Randy Smith of American Environmental Consultants of Mont Vernon, New Hampshire, to scan manifests of waste shipments to the Site and facility operators' quarterly reports in order for the Philip Services Site PRP Group to develop a waste-in database allocation for funding and/or performing the cleanup at the Site. The Department is aware that the Philip Services Site PRP Group has sent letters to numerous PRPs seeking monies to apply to the cost of cleaning up the Site. At this time, the Department is performing response actions using state funds. A portion of these costs are being reimbursed by a Trust Fund established through a settlement in the Philip Services Corporation bankruptcy action.

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Federal Agencies

A number of federal agencies also shipped waste to the Site and Common Attorney for the federal agencies is:

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To date, the Department has not settled with any parties but the Department anticipates reaching a settlement with the Philip Services Site PRP Group and with the Federal Agencies that will reimburse the Department's past costs of response and include payment for and/or performance of future response actions.

Community Involvement

DHEC's State Remediation Section, which oversees the State's Superfund Program, is committed to early, direct, and meaningful public involvement in the Superfund process.

Fact Sheets

The Department is again making available its May 2006 Fact Sheet, which expands on the Site's past history and operations, at:

www.scdhec.gov/lwm/html/site.html

on DHEC's official website or you may contact Pat Vincent to obtain a copy. The May 2006 Fact Sheet expands on the Site's past history and operations. This Fact Sheet is also available on the website.

Administrative Record

The Department has placed the Administrative Record (AR) at:

York County Library Main Branch
138 East Black Street
Rock Hill, South Carolina

The AR contains, among other things, documents that the Department relies upon in making its technical decisions at the Site.

Mailing List

If you have received this Fact Sheet via U.S. Mail, you are on DHEC's mailing list for this Site. If you would like to be included on the mailing list for this Site, please forward your name, address, telephone, and email address to the address below.

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