



SC DEPARTMENT of
**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Kmart Shopping Center – North Augusta
Aiken County, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through December 2, 2025.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 25-8846-NRP, will affect approximately 12 acres located on 5979 Jefferson Davis Highway, North Augusta, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Aiken County Tax Map Serial Numbers 013-17-14-001 (2.73 acres) and 013-17-05-001 (9.05 acres). A company known as CG North Augusta Storage, LLC (“CG”) wants to acquire the property and intends to re-use it as a commercial self-storage and boat/RV facility.

The site was initially developed as a Kmart in 1972. Kmart operated an automotive repair service on the west end of the site from the 1970’s until the store’s closure. A tenant continued automotive repair work on the site from 2007 to 2012. The past use of the site may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

SCDES uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, SCDES will allow CG to acquire the property as a “Brownfields Site” because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property.

SCDES will not hold CG responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, CG will test soil, groundwater, and soil vapor on the property. If significant contamination is found, CG will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. CG did not create the pollution but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, CG will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at <https://des.sc.gov/PublicNotices>. Printed copies may be obtained from the SCDES Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through December 2, 2025. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, by e-mail at jerry.stamps@des.sc.gov, telephone at (803) 898-0927, or TOLL-FREE at (866) 576-0924. Written comments should be directed to Jerry Stamps at SCDES, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.