



SC DEPARTMENT of
**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Belton Industries Property
Anderson County, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through September 3, 2026.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 26-8902-NRP, will affect approximately 65 acres located at 1205 Hamby Road, Honea, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Anderson County Tax Map Serial Numbers 266-00-08-002-000 and 266-00-07-006-000. Belton Assets, LLC ("BA") wants to acquire the property and intends to maintain its industrial use with rehabilitation of existing structures demolition of obsolete improvements, and infrastructure upgrades.

The property was originally developed for manufacturing sometime in the late 1950s or 1960s. The property is currently developed as a textile manufacturing facility with associated railroad line and wastewater treatment ponds. The past use of the property may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

SCDES uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield properties. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, SCDES will allow BA to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Development" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property.

SCDES will not hold BA responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, BA will test soil, groundwater, and soil vapor on the property. If significant contamination is found, BA will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. BA did not create the pollution but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under state law, BA 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 September 3, 2026. Questions or comments may be directed to Christopher Kaibery, Project Manager, by e-mail at Christopher.Kaibery@des.sc.gov, telephone at (803) 898-0924,

or TOLL-FREE at (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Christopher Kaibery at SCDES, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.