



SC DEPARTMENT of
**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Bazar Site
Orangeburg County, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through September 7, 2026.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 26-7775-NRP, will affect approximately 2.43 acres located at 2203, 2207, and 2229 Russell Street, Orangeburg, South Carolina. The site is further identified by Orangeburg County Tax Map Serial Numbers 0173-11-10-014.000, 0173-11-10-013.000, 0173-11-10-012.000, and 0173-11-10-011.000. South Carolina State University Real Estate Foundation ("SCSUREF") wants to acquire the site and intends to redevelop it as a multi-unit student living complex.

The site was originally developed in 1931 as an automobile repair shop. This use ended in 1947. Other portions of the site were developed with a tin shop and a residential structure. The past use of the site may have caused environmental pollution on the site.

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

SCDES will not hold SCSUREF responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, SCSUREF will test soil, groundwater, and soil vapor on the site. If significant contamination is found, SCSUREF will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. SCSUREF did not create the pollution but will control it to keep the site safe for re-use. Under state law, SCSUREF will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the site are 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 7, 2026. Questions or comments may be directed to Nicholas Hammond, Project Manager, by e-mail at Nicholas.Hammond@des.sc.gov, telephone at (803) 898-0736, or TOLL-FREE at (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Nicholas Hammond at SCDES, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.