



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Seaco, Inc. Site
2636, 2646, 2646R Commerce Drive and
2700 William H. Tuller Drive (aka Industrial Drive), Columbia, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through July 10, 2012.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 12-6100-NRP, will affect approximately 3 acres identified by tax map number R11215-08-01, R11211-06-96, R11211-06-24 and R11211-06-25. A company known as AA Properties-Commerce Tuller, Inc. wants to buy the property and a company known as Associated Asphalt Columbia LLC will operate on the property as a tenant. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and both companies herein called AA Properties & Associated Asphalt.

The property was used by a fertilizer manufacturer prior to being bought by Seaco, Inc. in 1949 for an asphalt emulsion plant. Numerous above ground storage tanks (ASTs) are located on the property. The property is in an industrial and residential land use area. Vacant land and a trailer storage area are located to the north; vacant buildings and residential property are to the east; a CSX rail yard is to the south; and businesses, vacant buildings and residential property are to the west.

AA Properties & Associated Asphalt intends to expand the asphalt emulsion plant and continue use of the ASTs. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow AA Properties & Associated Asphalt to acquire and operate on the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for existing environmental pollution. AA Properties & Associated Asphalt did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold AA Properties & Associated Asphalt responsible for the pre-existing pollution, excluding contamination attributable to asphalt or asphalt emulsion production, storage, or transport, in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, AA Properties & Associated Asphalt will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the pre-existing contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, AA Properties & Associated Asphalt will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, AA Properties & Associated Asphalt will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public_notice.asp. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through July 10, 2012. Questions or comments may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manager, email overcajc@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 896-4019, or Alex Fulmer, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at S.C. DHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.