



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Asten Johnson Site
1310 North Jeffries Boulevard, Walterboro, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract until June 19, 2016.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 16-5198-NRP, will affect approximately 10 acres identified by Colleton County tax map # 147-15-00-099. Two parties by the names of JGBR Walterboro Corp. and JGBR American Real Estate LLC want to acquire the property. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and JGBR Walterboro Corp. and JGBR American Real Estate LLC.

The property is bounded generally by retail businesses and a baseball field to the north with Robertson Boulevard and businesses beyond; a forested area to the east with Ireland Creek beyond; Leith Lane to the south with mobile homes, retail businesses, and a forested area beyond; and North Jeffries Boulevard to the west with retail businesses and residences beyond. The property consists of a building and improvements previously used as the Asten Johnson fabric manufacturing facility.

JGBR Walterboro Corp. and JGBR American Real Estate LLC will acquire the property and intend to renovate the vacant facility and manufacture bearing components and bearing products. Past operations at the Asten Johnson Site have caused environmental contamination on the property. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow JGBR Walterboro Corp. and JGBR American Real Estate LLC to own the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the environmental contamination. JGBR Walterboro Corp. and JGBR American Real Estate LLC did not cause the contamination but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold JGBR Walterboro Corp. and JGBR American Real Estate LLC responsible for pre-existing contamination in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, JGBR Walterboro Corp. and JGBR American Real Estate LLC will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination in the past. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

Under the proposed contract, JGBR Walterboro Corp. and JGBR American Real Estate LLC will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, JGBR Walterboro Corp. and JGBR American Real Estate LLC 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/PublicNotices/>. 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 June 19, 2016. Questions or comments may be directed to Mark Berenbrok, Project Manager, email

berenbmk@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0736 or Alex Fulmer at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Mark Berenbrok at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201.