



SOUTH CAROLINA VESSEL TURN-IN PROGRAM



When is the Turn-In Event?

The first Vessel Turn-In event will be held in the Charleston area in Summer of 2024.

Who is eligible?

Private citizens and businesses within South Carolina's eight coastal counties

How Can I Apply?

Complete the South Carolina VTIP application form by scanning the QR code below or by visiting <https://scdhec.gov/ADV>.



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Abandoned and derelict vessels (ADV) pose a chronic problem in our coastal environment. They harm coastal waters and marsh habitat, detract from the safe recreational use of our waterways, and create an eyesore on the landscape. DHEC's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) has worked with federal, state, and local partners on abandoned vessel removal projects across the South Carolina coast. Vessel removals are often costly, and despite such efforts, ADVs continue to be a problem in coastal South Carolina.

DHEC OCRM is piloting a new Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP) as a preventative solution to ADV. Boat owners will have the opportunity to voluntarily surrender and dispose of unwanted, at-risk, or end-of-life vessels before they become abandoned. The costs for disassembling, recycling, and disposing of eligible VTIP vessels are fully covered within this pilot program.

FIBERGLASS VESSEL HULL RECYCLING PROGRAM

In conjunction with the VTIP, DHEC OCRM is piloting a fiberglass vessel hull recycling program as an alternative, sustainable disposal option for boat hulls, instead of sending them to landfills. These pilot programs aim to gather valuable insights for developing long-term prevention programs against ADV in the future.

