

**Aunt Katie's Community Garden Expansion
Dothan, Alabama
ADEM VCP Site #: 461-069-271**

Fact Sheet

A Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Cleanup Plan has been found to be technically adequate by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for the Aunt Katie's Community Garden Expansion site. Birmingham Parkside Residences, LLC, currently owns the site located in Dothan, Alabama. This fact sheet has been prepared to briefly advise the public of the principal legal and policy issues of the VCP.

I. VCP PROCESS

The VCP provides a mechanism for the implementation of a cleanup program that encourages applicants to voluntarily assess, remediate, and reuse rural and urban areas of actual or perceived contamination. The program does not relieve any "responsible person" for the liability for administrative, civil, or criminal fines or penalties which are otherwise authorized by law and imposed as a result of the illegal or unpermitted disposal of solid waste, hazardous waste, hazardous constituents, hazardous substances, petroleum products, and/or pollutants to the land, air, or waters of the State on an identified property. The program is designed to expedite the voluntary cleanup process and has been designed for entry at any stage of the cleanup process as long as all applicable criteria have been met up to the point of entry.

II. PROCEDURES FOR REACHING A FINAL DECISION

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) is proposing to issue Aunt Katie's Community Garden a final decision for site remediation.

ADEM Admin Code R. 335-15-6-.02 requires that the public be given a 30-day comment period from the date of the notice. The comment period will begin on January 20, 2021, which is the date of publication of the public notice in major local newspaper(s) of general circulation and will end on February 20, 2021.

All persons wishing to comment on any of the conditions of the VCP Remediation should submit their comments in writing to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Permits and Services Division, 1400 Coliseum Blvd. (Zip 36110). P.O. Box 301463 (Zip 36130-1463) Montgomery, Alabama, ATTENTION: Mr. Russell Kelly. Written comments on the VCP activities should be submitted to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 20, 2021.

ADEM will consider all written comments received during the comment period while making a final decision on this issue. When the Department makes its final

decision, notice will be given to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final decision.

III. FACILITY DESIGN

Bullock Environmental LLC has completed Site Investigation activities under the VCP at the Aunt Katie's Community Garden property site located at the Corner of Linden Street and Whiddon Street, Dothan, Houston County, Alabama. The site consists of approximately 0.15 acres of unoccupied commercial property. Site was undeveloped from at least 1920 until at least 1951 when it was developed as an electrical substation, which operated there until approximately 1997. The Site has reportedly remained vacant and undeveloped since the removal of the electrical substation. Engineering controls will be used eliminate or minimize potential exposure associated with future use and/ or development.

IV. TECHNICAL CONTACT

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