

**Former Rite-Aid Facility
Sylacauga, Alabama
ADEM VCP Site #: 461-121-24009**

Fact Sheet

A Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Voluntary Cleanup Plan has been found to be technically adequate by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) for the Former Rite-Aid in Sylacauga. The applicant is Sylacauga DG, LLC. 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 ADEM is proposing to issue Sylacauga DG, LLC, a final decision for the 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 May 22nd, 2024, which is the date of publication of the public notice in major local newspaper(s) of general circulation and will end on June 22nd, 2024.

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 June 22nd, 2024.

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

Sylacauga DG, LLC has completed Site Investigation activities under the VCP program at the Former Rite-Aid facility located at 1 North Broadway, Sylacauga, Talladega County, Alabama and comprises approximately 1.11 acres. Historical uses of the Site included residential housing as early as the 1920s. The Site then was utilized for a variety of commercial purposes including a gasoline station in the 1950s, a supermarket/convenience store (1960s and 1970s) and a used automobile sales lot from the late 1980s until the early 1990s. It was also found via historical records that, currently not in operation, the Site functioned as a retail pharmacy from 1997 until approximately 2022.

IV. TECHNICAL CONTACT

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