SC DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Site Activities Performed by SCDES for the Lake Greenwood Investigation

April 23, 2026

Representatives from the Division of Site Assessment, Remediation and Revitalization (SARR) and the BRLS Upstate Anderson-Green offices arrived on Site to meet with Ascend Performance Materials (Ascend) representatives to investigate the Site. The Site is currently under a Voluntary Cleanup Contract (VCC 16-4830-RP) in the State Voluntary Cleanup Program (SVCP). SCDES representatives toured the closed facility and the adjacent wooded property, with verbal permission from the new property owners (GLH II LLC). An area used for soil to repair the Duck Pond bridge was pointed out during the tour (Investigation Area 5) It was determined that further investigation into the areas was needed.

April 24, 2026

The SARR Federal & State Site Assessment (FSSA) Section and the SVCP representative returned to the adjacent property to collect sediment and surface water samples (SCDES Investigation Map). 5 sediment samples were collected concurrently with 5 surface water samples. An additional 5 surface water samples were taken from various locations on Lake Greenwood with the assistance of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). During these activities, two drums and a partial third drum were found on the adjacent property (Empty Drums by Lake). The drums were rusted, old, unlabeled and appeared empty, and reported back to Central Office. The sediment and surface water samples were submitted to Eurofins for analysis at the end of the day.

April 30, 2026

The SVCP representative and a BRLS representative met with DNR and a representative from Frontlight, a developer for the wooded property, to confirm the location of drums seen by a private citizen on Wednesday, April 29, 2026. The location was confirmed to be the same as the drums found on April 24, 2026, however the positions of the drums were changed. There was evidence that the drums had been moved at least once. The SVCP representative then proceeded to ask the citizen (Pig News) questions about the drums, their discovery, and about an “additional third drum” which ended up being the partial drum. SCDES and DNR continued to search the expanded area and investigated other shoreline locations as visible from boats. No other drums or suspicious activities were seen from the Lake. DNR shared a map of areas that additional witnesses pointed out as areas of concern. A few areas further back into the wood property were also visually investigated at this time (Investigation Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8). Nothing additional of concern was found.

May 1, 2026

SCDES representatives from the FSSA, SVCP, Emergency Response Team, and the local BRLS returned to the location of the drums to perform ground penetrating radar (GPR) and toxic vapor analysis (TVA) surveys and to look for subsurface anomalies. SCDES officials met with an employee of FrontLight. An expanded area near the drums was investigated (Empty Drums on Lake), along with another location back in the wooded area (Investigation Area 3). An Ascend representative confirmed that the open space was used for staging during logging activities (Investigation Area 3) in the past. The GPR survey did not show any indication of buried materials, there were no hits on the TVA machine, and nothing additional of concern was found.

May 5, 2026

SCDES representatives from the FSSA and SVCP returned to the property and conducted two more GPR scans in areas further identified to have interest from historical aerial footage (Investigation Areas 6 and 7). Visual Representatives from Ascend and FrontLight were present. The representative from Ascend informed SCDES personnel that the areas were used as a rifle range (Investigation Area 6) and as a deer feed lot for recreational activities (Investigation Area 7). The GPR survey did not show any indication of buried materials and nothing additional of concern was found.

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