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Director of Health and Human Services Tony Keek speaks at the opening ceremony for Walmart's new Care Clinic on Thursday. He thinks the clinic will be a great help in keeping the community healthy.



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Walmart aims to make your health care more affordable

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With the director of South Carolina's Health and Human Services on hand, the Sumter-area Walmart celebrated the

opening of its new Care Clinic on Thursday, aiming to provide quality and affordable health care.

Tony Keek celebrated the opening of the Walmart clinic, saying it will go a long way in helping meet the vision of af-

fordable health care for the community.

According to Keek, one of the biggest struggles of maintaining public health is connecting with people, which he said he thinks

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Old landfill's care at risk after it dumps company

Site's future management now unclear

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With the recent announcement of a change in management, local elected officials and one former official are hoping the shortfall in money will not lead to a shortfall in care for a defunct Pinewood landfill.

On Monday, both Kestrel Horizons, the current manager of the Pinewood Site — a former clay stone mine, landfill and hazardous waste collection site located about 1,200 feet from Lake Marion — and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control announced that as of Oct. 31, Kestrel will no longer be in charge of site management.

"The main issue is the trust-ee was being paid an exorbitant amount of money," said Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter. "This is a great recreational area and also water supply. Leaks don't last forever. Metal drums don't last forever. We want to make sure if a break or a leak happens, we're ready. We don't want to be paying less money for less protection. We can't afford this to be mismanaged."

The Sumter County Legislative Delegation has asked to be kept up-to-date on this matter and to receive a written report



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The long-term cleanup and maintenance of the Pinewood Site Custodial Trust, the former Safety-Kleen site on Camp Mac Boykin Road near R-1 mini, is now unclear. Kestrel Horizons, the current manager of the site, announced Monday it will no longer be in charge as of Oct. 31, and local officials are worried about the future of the site near Lake Marion. "We want to make sure if a break or a leak happens, we're ready. ... We can't afford this to be mismanaged," said Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter, about the landfill.

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