



October 19, 2023

Mr. Christopher Allan  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Region 2 Office  
Division of Environmental Remediation  
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RE: **Monthly Progress Report**  
**Reporting Period: September, 11, 2023 thru October 10, 2023**  
**Bronx Psychiatric Center Site #203005**

Dear Mr. Allan:

On behalf of the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH), URS Corporation (URS) is submitting this Monthly Progress Report to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to summarize activities related to the Order on Consent (R2-0668-06-11) at Bronx Psychiatric Center Site #203005.

#### **Actions taken pursuant to the Order during the reporting period**

A report summarizing the project progress was submitted to NYSDEC.

Additional discussions between OMH, Empire State Development (ESD) and NYSDEC occurred during the reporting period regarding the acceptability of the potential purchaser of the property submitting a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) to NYSDEC prior to transfer of the property to the purchaser. The Department made a determination that they will not accept a RAWP submitted by the potential purchaser until which time that the potential purchaser enters into an Order on Consent. The Department also confirmed that the existing Record of Decision (ROD) and 2022 ROD Modification would not need to be modified again if the RAWP submitted to the Department proposed remediation that would achieve a cleanup of the site to achieve a higher standard of one part per million.

On October 4, 2023, OMH's consultant, TRC, mobilized to the assess the condition of the floor in the transformer rooms in preparation for performing minor repairs and wipe sampling. Upon arrival it was discovered that Transformer Room No. 2 was not accessible because the door was jammed and could not be opened. In addition, Transformer Rooms No. 1 was found to have been vandalized. A decision was made to postpone the work until site conditions could be re-assessed.

#### **Actions anticipated for the upcoming reporting period**

OMH and their consultant, TRC, will reassess plans to perform the annual floor coating evaluation.

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OMH will continue discussions with the potential purchaser of the property regarding the path forward. On April 25, 2023, NYSDEC hosted a conference call for OMH, the potential purchaser of the property, and consultants of both parties to discuss potential paths forward and the need to meet NYSDEC program requirements in conjunction with the property transfer. Specifically, the party implementing the remedy needs to be under an Order and NYSDEC cannot approve a work plan submitted by a party that is not under Order. In addition, NYSDEC indicated they expected a Remedial Action Work Plan or a Remedial Action Design to be submitted, and that the draft *Self-Implementing Cleanup and Disposal of PCB Remediation Waste Plan (SIP)* that had been provided to NYSDEC did not satisfy that requirement.

OMH intends to provide NYSDEC with the required post-transfer notifications described in the Department's letter of June 16, 2021, that acknowledged receipt of the 60-Day Advanced Notification of Change of Use. Currently, the date of transfer is unknown.

#### **Approved modifications to work plans and/or schedule**

There is currently not an approved schedule for additional activities. OMH plans to continue to discuss the schedule for the remedial work with the potential purchaser of the property and NYSDEC.

OMH understands that Langan submitted a work plan to NYSDEC on December 5, 2022. The draft *SIP*, which was prepared to meet USEPA notification requirements under the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) was provided to NYSDEC to concurrently satisfy the requirements for a Remedial Action Work Plan. OMH understands based on the recent conference call that NYSDEC will require a Remedial Action Work Plan or a Remedial Action Design be submitted by the party under Order and is discussing the matter internally and with the prospective purchaser to determine a mutually agreeable path forward.

#### **Results of sampling and tests and all other data received or generated by or on behalf of Respondent in connection with the Site during the reporting period, including quality assurance / quality control information**

No sampling or other tests occurred during the reporting period.

#### **Information regarding percentage of completion**

The NYSDEC issued the ROD for the Site in March 2019.

#### **Unresolved delays encountered or anticipated that may affect the future schedule and efforts made to mitigate such delays**

There is currently not an approved schedule for additional activities.

#### **Information regarding activities undertaken in support of the Citizen Participation Plan during the reporting period and those anticipated for the upcoming reporting period**

No Citizen Participation Plan activities were undertaken during the period.



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OMH and URS appreciate the NYSDEC's continued assistance with this project. If you have any questions or comments regarding this Monthly Progress Report, please contact me at 864-234-2240.

Very truly yours,  
**URS Corporation – New York**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Gillies".

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