



November 13, 2023

Mr. Christopher Allan
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Region 2 Office
Division of Environmental Remediation
47-40 21st Street
Long Island City, New York 11101

RE: **Monthly Progress Report**
Reporting Period: October 11, 2023 thru November 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.

On October 23, 2023, OMH's consultant, TRC and a potential contractor visited the transformer rooms to inspect the condition and assess the scope of work necessary to clean up the debris left by vandals that had ransacked the rooms to steal copper cabling. OMH is awaiting receipt of the quote from the contractor.

Actions anticipated for the upcoming reporting period

OMH and TRC will assess contractor quote(s) for cleaning up the transformer rooms in response to the vandalism. A schedule to perform the annual floor coating inspection and sampling will be evaluated once the vandalism is addressed.

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. During additional discussion in September 2023, 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 level of protection using a lower cleanup standard of one part per million.

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.

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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.

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.

Work to perform minor repairs and the annual wipe sampling has been delayed following the October 4, 2023, discovery by OMH's consultant, TRC, that the transformer rooms had been vandalized by metal thieves. Work was postponed until site conditions could be re-assessed and quotes to clean up the debris are being obtained.

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".

Jennifer Gillies
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