



February 12, 2024

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: January 10, 2024 thru February 10, 2024**  
**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.

A vendor has been selected by OMH and their consultant, TRC, to clean-up the damage caused by the vandalism of the transformer rooms, and contracting is underway.

**Actions anticipated for the upcoming reporting period**

OMH and TRC will complete contracting efforts for cleaning up the transformer rooms in response to the vandalism. OMH anticipates that work to address the vandalism will begin within a month of notice to proceed, and that the annual floor coating inspection and sampling of the floors will occur immediately following clean-up.

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 currently anticipates that the prospective purchaser will be submitting a RAWP after closing.

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 a contractor engaged to clean up the debris. Contractor selection and award is underway.

**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  
Project Manager



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