

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
STATE SUPERFUND PROGRAM  
ECL §27-1301 *et seq.*

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In the Matter a Remedial Program for

**ORDER ON CONSENT AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE SETTLEMENT**  
Index No. CO 6-20210325-13

**DEC Site Name: Potsdam Paper Landfill**

DEC Site No.: 645054

Site Address: Sissonville Road  
Potsdam, NY 13676

Hereinafter referred to as "Site"

by: Potsdam Specialty Paper, Inc.

Hereinafter referred to as "Respondent"

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1. A. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("Department") is responsible for inactive hazardous waste disposal site remedial programs pursuant to Article 27, Title 13 of the Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL") and Part 375 of Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations ("6 NYCRR") and may issue orders consistent with the authority granted to the Commissioner by such statute.

B. The Department is responsible for carrying out the policy of the State of New York to conserve, improve and protect its natural resources and environment and control water, land, and air pollution consistent with the authority granted to the Department and the Commissioner by Article 1, Title 3 of the ECL.

C. This Order is issued pursuant to the Department's authority under, *inter alia*, ECL Article 27, Title 13 and ECL 3-0301.

2. The Site is not currently listed in the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites in New York State, and is instead identified as a "P" or potential site with a Site Number of 645054

3. A. The Department regulates solid waste management facilities such as landfills under, *inter alia*, 6 NYCRR Parts 360 and 363. This Order does not diminish the effectiveness or applicability of any consent orders addressing solid waste management facility regulatory requirements, including Part 360 and Part 363 ("Part 360 Orders") issued concerning this Site.

B. The Department's Division of Materials Management conducted a preliminary investigation of this landfill pursuant to the Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 (ECL

Article 27, Title 12). ECL § 27-1203(4) authorizes the Department to conduct preliminary investigations to determine if a solid waste site is causing or substantially contributing to imminent or documented drinking water source contamination. Based on the results of the preliminary investigation, the Division of Materials Management referred this Site to the Division of Environmental Remediation for further evaluation. Respondent will not be deemed responsible for the Department's costs associated with the preliminary investigations and assessments of the Site, performed prior to June 17, 2020 (the date the this matter was referred from DMM to DER), which related to potential impacts to drinking water sources with regards to emerging contaminants, per ECL § 27-1203(4).

4. Respondent consents to the issuance of this Order without (i) any allegation of, or any admission or finding of liability, fault, wrongdoing, or violation of any law, regulation, permit, order, requirement, or standard of care of any kind whatsoever; (ii) an acknowledgment that there has been a release or threatened release of hazardous waste at or from the Site; and/or (iii) an acknowledgment that a release or threatened release of hazardous waste at or from the Site constitutes a significant threat to the public health or environment.

5. Respondent and the Department agree that the primary goals of this Order are to appropriately characterize and address the emerging contaminants found at the Site, including perfluorooctanoic acid ("PFOA"), perfluorooctane sulfonic acid ("PFOS") and 1,4 dioxane (together, the "Emerging Contaminants") and provide a mechanism for Respondent to implement any necessary interim remedial measures and associated site management. However, this does not limit the scope of the investigation to the Emerging Contaminants. The Respondent is expected to follow the Department's Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation (DER-10).

6. Solely with regard to the matters set forth below, Respondent hereby waives any right to a hearing as may be provided by law, consents to the issuance and entry of this Order, and agrees to be bound by its terms. Respondent consents to and agrees not to contest the authority or jurisdiction of the Department to issue or enforce this Order and agrees not to contest the validity of this Order or its terms or the validity of data submitted to the Department by Respondent pursuant to this Order.

**NOW**, having considered this matter and being duly advised, **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

I. Real Property

The Site subject to this Order has been assigned number 645054, consists of approximately 71.6 acres, and is as follows:

Subject Property Description (A Map of the Site is attached as Exhibit "A")

Tax Map/Parcel No.: 53.004-1-10.1 and 53.004-1-9.2  
Sissonville Road, Potsdam, NY 13676  
Owner: Potsdam Specialty Paper Inc.

II. Initial Work Plan

A Site Characterization Work Plan shall be submitted to the Department by the Respondent within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Order.

III. Payment of State Costs

Invoices shall be sent to Respondent at the following address:

Kristin M. Basford  
Environmental, Quality and Security Manager  
Potsdam Specialty Paper, Inc.  
547A Sissonville Road  
Potsdam, NY 13676

In addition to the requirement to pay future State Costs as set forth in Appendix "A", within forty-five (45) Days after the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall pay to the Department the sum set forth on Exhibit "C", which shall represent reimbursement for past State Costs incurred prior to the effective date of this Consent Order. Respondent acknowledges that all past State Costs are not itemized on the cost summary and that additional charges may be billed at a later date for State Costs incurred prior to the effective date of this Consent Order.

IV. Communications

A. All written communications required by this Consent Order shall be transmitted by electronic mail and, when a paper copy is requested by the Department or Respondent, by United States Postal Service, by private courier service, or by hand delivery.

1. Communication from Respondent shall be sent to:

Kelly Hale  
DEC Project Manager  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Environmental Remediation  
625 Broadway, Albany, N.Y. 12233  
kelly.hale@dec.ny.gov

Christine Vooris  
New York State Department of Health  
Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation  
Empire State Plaza  
Corning Tower Room 1787  
Albany, N.Y. 12237

christine.vooris@health.ny.gov

Kieran McCarthy, Esq.  
DEC Project Attorney  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Office of General Counsel  
625 Broadway, Albany, N.Y. 12233  
kieran.mccarthy@dec.ny.gov

2. Communication from the Department to Respondent shall be sent to:

Kristin M. Basford  
Environmental, Quality and Security Manager  
Potsdam Specialty Paper, Inc.  
547A Sissonville Road  
Potsdam, NY 13676

Robert Tyson  
Bond, Schoeneck & King  
One Lincoln Center  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
rtyson@bsk.com

B. The Department and Respondent reserve the right to designate additional or different addressees for communication on written notice to the other. Additionally, the Department reserves the right to request that the Respondent provide more than one paper copy of any work plan or report.

C. Each party shall notify the other within ninety (90) days after any change in the addresses listed in this paragraph or in Paragraph I.

V. Certificate of Completion/No Further Action/Satisfactory Completion

Upon the Department's issuance of a Certificate of Completion as provided at 6 NYCRR 375-1.9 and 375-2.9, Respondent shall obtain the benefits conferred by such provisions, subject to the terms and conditions described therein. However, if, after the completion of any required investigations and/or interim remedial actions, the Department determines that the Site will not be listed in the *Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites in New York State*, the Department will not issue a Certificate of Completion but will issue a No Further Action/Satisfactory Completion Letter to Respondent reflecting the Department's determination that, other than implementation of a Site Management Plan if required, no further remedial action at the Site is presently necessary. The Letter's form and substance shall be materially similar to the attached Exhibit D.

VI. Miscellaneous

A. Appendix A - "Standard Clauses for All New York State, State Superfund Orders" is attached to and hereby made a part of this Order as if set forth fully herein.

B. In the event of a conflict between the main body of this Order (including any and all attachments thereto and amendments thereof) and the terms of Appendix A, the main body of this Order shall control.

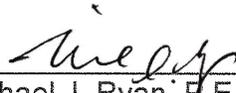
C. In the event disputes arise under this Order, Respondent may, within thirty (30) days after Respondent knew or should have known of the facts which are the basis of the dispute, initiate dispute resolution in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR § 375-1.5(b)(2).

C. The effective date of this Order is the 10th day after it is signed by the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee.

DATED: April 19, 2021

BASIL SEGGOS  
COMMISSIONER  
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

By:



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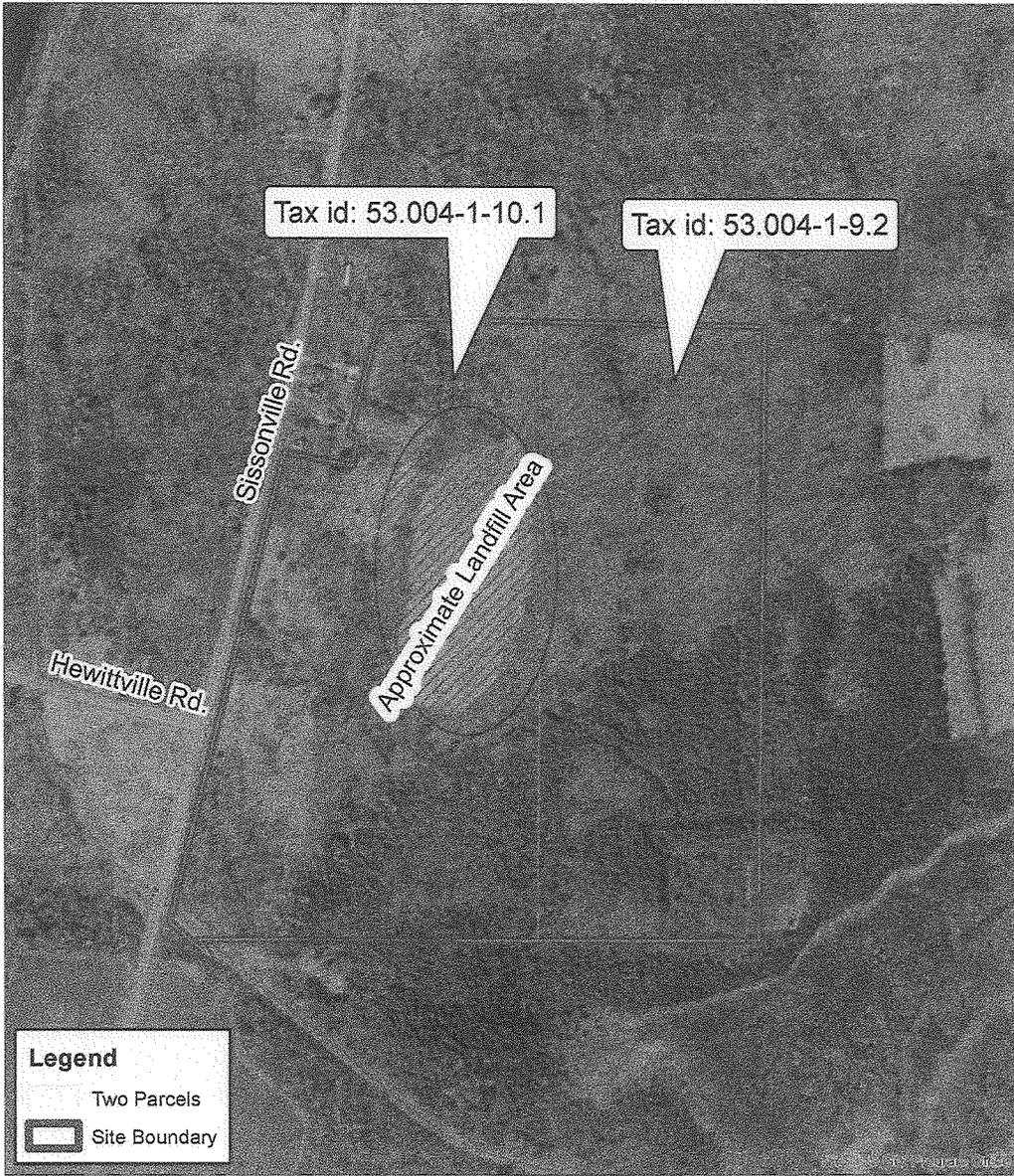
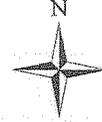
Michael J. Ryan, F.E., Director  
Division of Environmental Remediation



EXHIBIT "A"

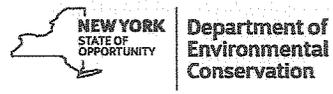
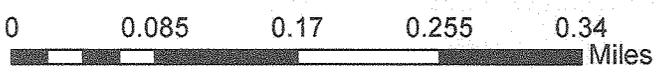
Map

Potsdam Paper Landfill  
Potsdam, NY  
Site Map



**Legend**

- Two Parcels
- Site Boundary



## EXHIBIT "B"

### RECORDS SEARCH REPORT

1. Detail all environmental data and information within Respondent's or Respondent's agents' or consultants' possession or control regarding environmental conditions at or emanating from the Site.
2. A comprehensive list of all existing relevant reports with titles, authors, and subject matter, as well as a description of the results of all previous investigations of the Site and of areas immediately surrounding the Site which are or might be affected by contamination at the Site, including all available topographic and property surveys, engineering studies, and aerial photographs
3. A concise summary of information held by Respondent and Respondent's attorneys, consultants and agents with respect to:
  - (i) a history and description of the Site, including the nature of operations;
  - (ii) the types, quantities, physical state, locations, methods, and dates of disposal or release of hazardous waste at or emanating from the Site;
  - (iii) a description of current Site security (i.e. fencing, posting, etc.); and
  - (iv) the names and addresses of all persons responsible for disposal of hazardous waste, including the dates of such disposal. and any proof linking each such person responsible with the hazardous wastes identified.

# EXHIBIT "C"

## Cost Summary

### EXHIBIT I

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION  
BUREAU OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

### COST SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Potsdam Paper Landfill  
SITE NO.: 645054  
TIME FRAME: DEC Life - 10/14/20

<u>COST CATEGORY</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>	<u>EXHIBIT NO.</u>
DIRECT PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,217.33	
FRINGE	\$759.50	
INDIRECT	<u>\$617.96</u>	
<i>PERSONAL SERVICES SUBTOTAL</i>	<i>\$2,594.79</i>	II
CONTRACTUAL	\$0.00	
TRAVEL	\$0.00	
OTHER NPS	\$0.00	
<i>NON-PERSONAL SERVICES SUBTOTAL</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	
DEC TOTAL	\$2,594.79	
DOH TOTAL (NOT AVAILABLE)	N/A	
MINUS PREVIOUSLY REIMBURSED AMOUNT (IF APPLICABLE)	<u>N/A</u>	
<i>DEC &amp; DOH TOTAL</i>	<i>\$2,594.79</i>	
COST CAP (IF APPLICABLE)	<u>N/A</u>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,594.79</b>	

Exhibit II

WELCOME TO LATS<sup>net</sup> 11.1.0.386 - LEAVE & ACCRUAL TRACKING SYSTEM **LATS** NET

Cost Query - Ad Hoc

Criteria: Timecard Begin Date 7/9/2020 And Timecard End Date 10/14/2020 And Task Code 75007

Leave Charges: Included

Cost Indicator: Direct

Rate Type: Non-Federal

Download Excel Report

Print

Jump To Employee: **AI**

Pay Period	Pay Period Dates	Check Date	Cost Center	Variable	Budget Year	Employee	Title Description	Work Location Code	Work Location Description	Billable Hourly Rate	Base Fringe	Base Indirect	Hourly Cost	
Task: 75007 - HW CWFA - 643058 - POTSDAM PAPER LANDFILL														
2020/8	07/09/2020 - 07/22/2020	08/05/2020	790118	KD	2017	BOLLASTIA, ANTHONY	Assistant Geologist	615127	Central Office - 625 Broadway	42.33	231.09	188.02	875 376.39	
2020/9	07/27/2020 - 08/05/2020	08/19/2020	790118	KD	2017	BOLLASTIA, ANTHONY	Assistant Geologist	615127	Central Office - 625 Broadway	42.33	237.69	191.39	900 365.97	
2020/10	08/05/2020 - 08/19/2020	09/02/2020	790118	KD	2017	BOLLASTIA, ANTHONY	Assistant Geologist	615127	Central Office - 625 Broadway	42.33	33.01	26.86	1.25 52.91	
2020/11	08/20/2020 - 09/02/2020	09/16/2020	790118	KD	2017	Hale, Kelly	Environmental Program Specialist 1	47768	R6 - Watertown - Regional HQ	38.11	118.69	96.73	5.00 196.55	
2020/12	09/03/2020 - 09/16/2020	09/30/2020	790118	KD	2017	Hale, Kelly	Environmental Program Specialist 1	47768	R6 - Watertown - Regional HQ	38.11	23.78	19.35	1.00 38.11	
2020/13	09/17/2020 - 09/30/2020	10/14/2020	790118	KD	2017	Hale, Kelly	Environmental Program Specialist 1	47768	R6 - Watertown - Regional HQ	36.68	115.05	93.61	5.00 184.40	
										Task 75007 Sub Total:	759.50	617.96	30.00	1,217.33
										Report Total:	759.50	617.96	30.00	1,217.33

**Exhibit "D"**

[date]

Potsdam Specialty Paper, Inc.  
547A Sissonville Road  
Potsdam, NY 13676

RE: Satisfactory Completion Letter/No Further Action Letter  
Site No.: 645054  
Site Name: **Potsdam Paper Landfill**

Dear Respondent:

This letter is sent to notify Respondent that it has satisfactorily completed the *Site Characterization/Interim Remedial Measure* of the remediation project that Respondent undertook under the Consent Order Index No. **CO 6-20210325-13** for the Potsdam Paper Landfill Site located at Sissonville Road, Potsdam, NY 13676 (Tax Map/Parcel No.: 53.004-1-10.1 and 53.004-1-9.2) ("Site"). The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("Department") has determined, subject to the Department's reservation of rights outlined below, contained in the Consent Order, or existing at law, based upon our inspection of the above-referenced Site and upon our review of the documents you have submitted, that you completed the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-referenced Order and no further remedial action (other than implementation of the Site Management Plan if required) is necessary. As a result, the Department is issuing this Satisfactory Completion/No Further Action Letter for the project.

Notwithstanding that the Department has determined that no further remedial action is necessary with the respect to the Site, the Department reserves any and all rights and authority, including rights concerning any claim for natural resource damages or the authority to engage in or require any further investigation or remediation the Department deems necessary. The Department retains all its respective rights concerning circumstances where Respondent, their lessees, sublessees, successors, or assigns cause or permit a Release or threat of Release at the site of any hazardous substance (as that term is defined at 42 USC 9601[14]) or petroleum (as that term is defined in Navigation Law § 172[15]).

Additionally, with respect to the site, nothing contained in this letter shall be construed to:

- preclude the State of New York on behalf of the New York State Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund from recovering a claim of any kind or nature against any party;
- prejudice any rights of the Department to take any investigatory action or remediation or corrective measures it may deem necessary if Respondent fails to comply with the Order or if contamination other than contamination within the present knowledge of the Department is encountered at the Site;
- prohibit the Commissioner or his duly authorized representative from exercising any summary abatement powers.

In conclusion, the Department is pleased to be part of this effort to return the site to productive use and benefit to the entire community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kelly Hale site project manager, at 315-785-2381.

Sincerely,

Michael Ryan  
Director  
Division of Environmental Remediation

**APPENDIX "A"**

**STANDARD CLAUSES FOR ALL NEW YORK STATE  
STATE SUPERFUND ORDERS**

## APPENDIX "A"

### STANDARD CLAUSES FOR ALL NEW YORK STATE STATE SUPERFUND ORDERS

The parties to the State Superfund Order (hereinafter "Order") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the Order. The word "Respondent" herein refers to any party to the Order, other than the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (hereinafter "Department").

#### I. Citizen Participation Plan

Within twenty (20) days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit for review and approval a written citizen participation plan prepared in accordance with the requirements of Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL") § 27-1417 and 6 New York Codes Rules and Regulations ("NYCRR") §§375-1.10 and 375-3.10. Upon approval, the Citizen Participation Plan shall be deemed to be incorporated into and made a part of this Order.

#### II. Initial Submittal

Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit to the Department a Records Search Report prepared in accordance with Exhibit "B" attached to the Order. The Records Search Report can be limited if the Department notifies Respondent that prior submissions satisfy specific items required for the Records Search Report.

#### III. Development, Performance, and Reporting of Work Plans

##### A. Work Plan Requirements

All activities at the Site that comprise any element of an Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Remedial Program shall be conducted pursuant to one or more Department-approved work plans ("Work Plan" or "Work Plans"). This Order and all activities shall be consistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 C.F.R. Part 300, as required under CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9600 *et seq.* The Work Plan(s) under this Order shall address both on-Site and off-Site conditions and shall be developed and implemented in accordance with 6 NYCRR

§§ 375-1.6(a) and 375-6. All Department-approved Work Plans shall be incorporated into and become enforceable parts of this Order. Upon approval of a Work Plan by the Department, Respondent shall implement such Work Plan in accordance with the schedule contained therein. Nothing in this Subparagraph shall mandate that any particular Work Plan be submitted.

The Work Plans shall be captioned as follows:

1. "Site Characterization ("SC") Work Plan": a Work Plan which provides for the identification of the presence of any hazardous waste disposal at the Site;

2. "Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") Work Plan": a Work Plan which provides for the investigation of the nature and extent of contamination within the boundaries of the Site and emanating from such Site and a study of remedial alternatives to address such on-site and off-site contamination;

3. "Remedial Design/Remedial Action ("RD/RA") Work Plan": a Work Plan which provides for the development and implementation of final plans and specifications for implementing the remedial alternative set forth in the Record of Decision ("ROD");

4. "IRM Work Plan" if the Work Plan provides for an interim remedial measure;

5. "Site Management Plan" if the Work Plan provides for the identification and implementation of institutional and/or engineering controls as well as any necessary monitoring and/or operation and maintenance of the remedy; or

6. "Supplemental" if additional work plans other than those set forth in III.A.1-5 of Appendix A of this Order are required to be prepared and implemented.

B. Submission/Implementation of Work Plans

1. Respondent may opt to propose one or more additional or supplemental Work Plans (including one or more IRM Work Plans) at any time, which the Department shall review for appropriateness and technical sufficiency.

2. Any proposed Work Plan shall be submitted for the Department's review and approval and shall include, at a minimum, a chronological description of the anticipated activities, a schedule for performance of those activities, and sufficient detail to allow the Department to evaluate that Work Plan.

i. The Department shall notify Respondent in writing if the Department determines that any element of a Department-approved Work Plan needs to be modified in order to achieve the objectives of the Work Plan as set forth in Subparagraph III.A or to ensure that the Remedial Program otherwise protects human health and the environment. Upon receipt of such notification, Respondent shall, subject to dispute resolution pursuant to Paragraph XV, modify the Work Plan.

ii. The Department may request, subject to dispute resolution pursuant to Paragraph XV, that Respondent submit additional or supplemental Work Plans for the Site to complete the then current remedial phase within thirty (30) days after the Department's written request.

3. A Site Management Plan, if necessary, shall be submitted in accordance with the schedule set forth in the IRM Work Plan or Remedial Work Plan.

4. During all field activities conducted under a Department-approved Work Plan, Respondent shall have on-Site a representative who is qualified to supervise the activities undertaken in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6(a)(3).

5. A Professional Engineer licensed and registered in New York State must stamp and sign all Work Plans other than SC or RI/FS Work Plans.

C. Submission of Final Reports and Periodic Reports

1. In accordance with the schedule contained in an approved Work Plan, Respondent shall submit a final report as provided at 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6(b) and a final engineering report as provided at 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6(c).

2. Any final report or final engineering report that includes construction activities shall include "as built" drawings showing any changes made to the remedial design or the IRM.

3. In the event that the final engineering report for the Site requires Site management, Respondent shall submit an initial periodic report in accordance with the schedule in the Site Management Plan and thereafter in accordance with a schedule determined by the Department. Such periodic report shall be signed by a Professional Engineer or by such other qualified environmental professional as the Department may find acceptable and shall contain a certification as provided at 6 NYCRR § 375-1.8(h)(3). Respondent may petition the Department for a determination that the institutional and/or engineering controls may be terminated. Such petition must be supported by a statement by a Professional Engineer that such controls are no longer necessary for the protection of public health and the environment. The Department shall not unreasonably withhold its approval of such petition.

4. Within sixty (60) days after the Department's approval of a Final Report, Respondent shall submit such additional Work Plans as is required by the Department in its approval letter of such Final Report. Failure to submit any additional Work Plans within such period shall be a violation of this Order.

D. Review of Submittals

1. The Department shall make a good faith effort to review and respond in writing to each submittal Respondent makes pursuant to this Order within sixty (60) days. The Department's response shall include, in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6(d), an approval, modification request, or disapproval of the submittal, in whole or in part.

i. Upon the Department's written approval of a Work Plan, such Department-

approved Work Plan shall be deemed to be incorporated into and made a part of this Order and shall be implemented in accordance with the schedule contained therein.

ii. If the Department modifies or requests modifications to a submittal, it shall specify the reasons for such modification(s). Within fifteen (15) days after the date of the Department's written notice that Respondent's submittal has not been approved, Respondent shall notify the Department of its election in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6(d)(3). If Respondent elects to modify submittal in accordance with the Department's request or accept the Department's modifications to the submittal, Respondent shall make a revised submittal that incorporates all of the Department's modifications to the first submittal in accordance with the time period set forth in 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6(d)(3). In the event that Respondent's revised submittal is disapproved, the Department shall set forth its reasons for such disapproval in writing and Respondent shall be in violation of this Order unless it invokes dispute resolution pursuant to Paragraph XV and its position prevails. Failure to make an election or failure to comply with the election is a violation of this Order.

iii. If the Department disapproves a submittal, it shall specify the reasons for its disapproval. Within fifteen (15) days after the date of the Department's written notice that Respondent's submittal has been disapproved, Respondent shall notify the Department of its election in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6(d)(4). If Respondent elects to modify the submittal, Respondent shall make a revised submittal that addresses all of the Department's stated reasons for disapproving the first submittal in accordance with the time period set forth in 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6(d)(4). In the event that Respondent's revised submittal is disapproved, the Department shall set forth its reasons for such disapproval in writing and Respondent shall be in violation of this Order unless it invokes dispute resolution pursuant to Paragraph XV and its position prevails. Failure to make an election or failure to comply with the election is a violation of this Order.

2. Within thirty (30) days after the Department's approval of a final report, Respondent shall submit such final report, as well as all data gathered and drawings and

submittals made pursuant to such Work Plan, in an electronic format acceptable to the Department. If any document cannot be converted into electronic format, Respondent shall submit such document in an alternative format acceptable to the Department.

#### E. Department's Issuance of a ROD

1. Respondent shall cooperate with the Department and provide reasonable assistance, consistent with the Citizen Participation Plan, in soliciting public comment on the proposed remedial action plan ("PRAP"), if any. After the close of the public comment period, the Department shall select a final remedial alternative for the Site in a ROD. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to abridge any rights of Respondent, as provided by law, to judicially challenge the Department's ROD.

2. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing whether it will implement the remedial activities required by such ROD within 60 days from the date of the Department's issuance of the ROD. If the Respondent elects not to implement the required remedial activities, then this Order shall terminate in accordance with Paragraph XIV.A. Failure to make an election in accordance with this paragraph or failure to comply with the election is a violation of this Order.

3. Nothing in this Order, in any submittal, or in any work plan(s) submitted pursuant to this Order shall modify, expand, reduce, or otherwise change the remedial activities (including site management) required by a ROD issued by the Department.

#### F. Institutional/Engineering Control Certification

In the event that the remedy for the Site, if any, or any Work Plan for the Site, requires institutional or engineering controls, Respondent shall submit a written certification in accordance with 6 NYCRR §§ 375-1.8(h)(3) and 375-3.8(h)(2).

#### IV. Penalties

A. 1. Respondent's failure to comply with any term of this Order constitutes a violation of this Order, the ECL, and 6 NYCRR § 375-2.11(a)(4). Nothing herein abridges

Respondent's right to contest any allegation that it has failed to comply with this Order.

2. Payment of any penalties shall not in any way alter Respondent's obligations under this Order.

B. 1. Respondent shall not suffer any penalty or be subject to any proceeding or action in the event it cannot comply with any requirement of this Order as a result of any Force Majeure Event as provided at 6 NYCRR § 375-1.5(b)(4). Respondent must use best efforts to anticipate the potential Force Majeure Event, best efforts to address any such event as it is occurring, and best efforts following the Force Majeure Event to minimize delay to the greatest extent possible. "Force Majeure" does not include Respondent's economic inability to comply with any obligation, the failure of Respondent to make complete and timely application for any required approval or permit, and non-attainment of the goals, standards, and requirements of this Order.

2. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing within five (5) days after the onset of any Force Majeure Event. Failure to give such notice within such five (5) Day period constitutes a waiver of any claim that a delay is not subject to penalties. Respondent shall be deemed to know of any circumstance which it, any entity controlled by it, or its contractors knew or should have known.

3. Respondent shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that (i) the delay or anticipated delay has been or will be caused by a Force Majeure Event; (ii) the duration of the delay or the extension sought is warranted under the circumstances; (iii) best efforts were exercised to avoid and mitigate the effects of the delay; and (iv) Respondent complied with the requirements of Subparagraph IV.B.2 regarding timely notification.

4. If the Department agrees that the delay or anticipated delay is attributable to a Force Majeure Event, the time for performance of the obligations that are affected by the Force Majeure Event shall be extended for a period of time equivalent to the time lost because of the Force majeure event, in accordance with 375-1.5(4).

5. If the Department rejects Respondent's assertion that an event provides a

defense to non-compliance with this Order pursuant to Subparagraph IV.B, Respondent shall be in violation of this Order unless it invokes dispute resolution pursuant to Paragraph XV and Respondent's position prevails.

#### V. Entry upon Site

A. Respondent hereby consents, upon reasonable notice under the circumstances presented, to entry upon the Site (or areas in the vicinity of the Site which may be under the control of Respondent) by any duly designated officer or employee of the Department or any State agency having jurisdiction with respect to matters addressed pursuant to this Order, and by any agent, consultant, contractor, or other person so authorized by the Commissioner, all of whom shall abide by the health and safety rules in effect for the Site, for inspecting, sampling, copying records related to the contamination at the Site, testing, and any other activities necessary to ensure Respondent's compliance with this Order. Upon request, Respondent shall (i) provide the Department with suitable work space at the Site, including access to a telephone, to the extent available, and (ii) permit the Department full access to all non-privileged records relating to matters addressed by this Order. Raw data is not considered privileged and the portion of any privileged document containing raw data must be provided to the Department. In the event Respondent is unable to obtain any authorization from third-party property owners necessary to perform its obligations under this Order, the Department may, consistent with its legal authority, assist in obtaining such authorizations.

B. The Department shall have the right to take its own samples and scientific measurements and the Department and Respondent shall each have the right to obtain split samples, duplicate samples, or both, of all substances and materials sampled. The Department shall make the results of any such sampling and scientific measurements available to Respondent.

#### VI. Payment of State Costs

A. Within forty-five (45) days after receipt of an itemized invoice from the Department, Respondent shall pay to the Department a sum

of money which shall represent reimbursement for State Costs as provided by 6 NYCRR § 375-1.5 (b)(3)(i). Failure to timely pay any invoice will be subject to late payment charge and interest at a rate of 9% from the date the payment is due until the date the payment is made.

B. Costs shall be documented as provided by 6 NYCRR § 375-1.5(b)(3). The Department shall not be required to provide any other documentation of costs, provided however, that the Department's records shall be available consistent with, and in accordance with, Article 6 of the Public Officers Law.

C. Each such payment shall be made payable to the "Commissioner of NYSDEC" and shall be sent to:

Director, Bureau of Program Management  
Division of Environmental Remediation  
New York State Department of  
Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, New York 12233-7012

D. The Department shall provide written notification to the Respondent of any change in the foregoing address. The Respondent shall provide written notification to the Department (at the foregoing address) of any changes to the invoice contact and address provided under Paragraphs III or IV of the Consent Order.

E. If Respondent objects to any invoiced costs under this Order, the provisions of 6 NYCRR §§ 375-1.5 (b)(3)(v) and (vi) shall apply. Objections shall be sent to the Department as provided under subparagraph VI.C above.

F. In the event of non-payment of any invoice within the 45 days provided herein, the Department may seek enforcement of this provision pursuant to Paragraph IV or the Department may commence an enforcement action for non-compliance with § 71-4003.

#### VII. Release and Covenant Not to Sue

Upon the Department's issuance of a Certificate of Completion as provided at 6 NYCRR §§ 375-1.9 and 375-2.9, Respondent shall obtain the benefits conferred by such provisions, subject to the terms and conditions described therein.

#### VIII. Reservation of Rights

A. Except as provided at 6 NYCRR §§ 375-1.9 and 375-2.9, nothing contained in this Order shall be construed as barring, diminishing, adjudicating, or in any way affecting any of the Department's rights or authorities, including, but not limited to, the right to require performance of further investigations and/or response action(s), to recover natural resource damages, and/or to exercise any summary abatement powers with respect to any person, including Respondent.

B. Except as otherwise provided in this Order, Respondent specifically reserves all rights and defenses under applicable law respecting any Departmental assertion of remedial liability and/or natural resource damages against Respondent, and further reserves all rights respecting the enforcement of this Order, including the rights to notice, to be heard, to appeal, and to any other due process. The existence of this Order or Respondent's compliance with it shall not be construed as an admission of liability, fault, wrongdoing, or breach of standard of care by Respondent, and shall not give rise to any presumption of law or finding of fact, or create any rights, or grant any cause of action, which shall inure to the benefit of any third party. Further, Respondent reserves such rights as it may have to seek and obtain contribution, indemnification, and/or any other form of recovery from its insurers and from other potentially responsible parties or their insurers for past or future response and/or cleanup costs or such other costs or damages arising from the contamination at the Site as may be provided by law, including but not limited to rights of contribution under section 113(f)(3)(B) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(3)(B).

#### IX. Indemnification

Respondent shall indemnify and hold the Department, the State of New York, the Trustee of the State's natural resources, and their representatives and employees harmless as provided by 6 NYCRR § 375-2.5(a)(3)(i).

#### X. Public Notice

Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall provide notice as required by 6 NYCRR § 375-1.5(a). Within sixty (60) days after such filing, Respondent shall provide the Department with a

copy of such instrument certified by the recording officer to be a true and faithful copy.

#### XI. Change of Use & Transfer

A. Respondent shall notify the Department at least sixty (60) days in advance of any change of use, as defined in 6 NYCRR § 375-2.2(a), which is proposed for the Site, in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR § 375-1.11(d). In the event the Department determines that the proposed change of use is prohibited, the Department shall notify Respondent of such determination within forty-five (45) days of receipt of such notice.

B. If Respondent proposes to transfer by sale or lease the whole or any part of Respondent's interest in the Site, or becomes aware of such transfer, Respondent shall, not fewer than forty-five (45) days before the date of transfer, or within forty-five (45) days after becoming aware of such conveyance, notify the Department in writing of the identity of the transferee and of the nature and proposed or actual date of the conveyance, and shall notify the transferee in writing, with a copy to the Department, of the applicability of this Order. However, such obligation shall not extend to a conveyance by means of a corporate reorganization or merger or the granting of any rights under any mortgage, deed, trust, assignment, judgment, lien, pledge, security agreement, lease, or any other right accruing to a person not affiliated with Respondent to secure the repayment of money or the performance of a duty or obligation.

#### XII. Environmental Easement

A. If a ROD for the Site relies upon one or more institutional and/or engineering controls, Respondent (or the owner of the Site) shall submit to the Department for approval an Environmental Easement to run with the land in favor of the State which complies with the requirements of ECL Article 71, Title 36, and 6 NYCRR § 375-1.8(h)(2). Upon acceptance of the Environmental Easement by the State, Respondent shall comply with the requirements of 6 NYCRR § 375-1.8(h)(2).

B. If the ROD provides for no action other than implementation of one or more institutional controls, Respondent shall cause an

environmental easement to be recorded under the provisions of Subparagraph XII.A.

C. If Respondent does not cause such environmental easement to be recorded in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 375-1.8(h)(2), Respondent will not be entitled to the benefits conferred by 6 NYCRR §§ 375-1.9 and 375-2.9 and the Department may file an Environmental Notice on the site.

#### XIII. Progress Reports

Respondent shall submit a written progress report of its actions under this Order to the parties identified in Subparagraph IV.A.1 of the Order by the 10th day of each month commencing with the month subsequent to the approval of the first Work Plan and ending with the Termination date as set forth in Paragraph XIV, unless a different frequency is set forth in a Work Plan. Such reports shall, at a minimum, include: all actions relative to the Site during the previous reporting period and those anticipated for the next reporting period; all approved activity modifications (changes of work scope and/or schedule); all results of sampling and tests and all other data received or generated by or on behalf of Respondent in connection with this Site, whether under this Order or otherwise, in the previous reporting period, including quality assurance/quality control information; information regarding percentage of completion; unresolved delays encountered or anticipated that may affect the future schedule and efforts made to mitigate such delays; and information regarding activities undertaken in support of the Citizen Participation Plan during the previous reporting period and those anticipated for the next reporting period.

#### XIV. Termination of Order

A. This Order will terminate upon the earlier of the following events:

1. Respondent's election in accordance with Paragraph III.E.2 not to implement the remedial activities required pursuant to the ROD. In the event of termination in accordance with this Subparagraph, this Order shall terminate effective the 5th Day after the Department's receipt of the written notification, provided, however, that if there are one or more Work Plan(s) for which a final report has not been approved at the time of

Respondent's notification of its election not to implement the remedial activities in accordance with the ROD, Respondent shall complete the activities required by such previously approved Work Plan(s) consistent with the schedules contained therein. Thereafter, this Order shall terminate effective the 5th Day after the Department's approval of the final report for all previously approved Work Plans; or

2. The Department's written determination that Respondent has completed all phases of the Remedial Program (including Site Management), in which event the termination shall be effective on the 5th Day after the date of the Department's letter stating that all phases of the Remedial Program have been completed.

B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions contained in Paragraphs VI and IX shall survive the termination of this Order and any violation of such surviving Paragraphs shall be a violation of this Order, the ECL, and 6 NYCRR § 375-2.11(a)(4), subjecting Respondent to penalties as provided under Paragraph IV so long as such obligations accrued on or prior to the Termination Date.

C. If the Order is terminated pursuant to Subparagraph XIV.A.1, neither this Order nor its termination shall affect any liability of Respondent for remediation of the Site and/or for payment of State Costs, including implementation of removal and remedial actions, interest, enforcement, and any and all other response costs as defined under CERCLA, nor shall it affect any defenses to such liability that may be asserted by Respondent. Respondent shall also ensure that it does not leave the Site in a condition, from the perspective of human health and environmental protection, worse than that which existed before any activities under this Order were commenced. Further, the Department's efforts in obtaining and overseeing compliance with this Order shall constitute reasonable efforts under law to obtain a voluntary commitment from Respondent for any further activities to be undertaken as part of a Remedial Program for the Site.

#### XV. Dispute Resolution

A. In the event disputes arise under this Order, Respondent may, within fifteen (15) days after Respondent knew or should have known of

the facts which are the basis of the dispute, initiate dispute resolution in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR § 375-1.5(b)(2).

B. All cost incurred by the Department associated with dispute resolution are State costs subject to reimbursement pursuant to this Order.

C. Nothing contained in this Order shall be construed to authorize Respondent to invoke dispute resolution with respect to the remedy selected by the Department in the ROD or any element of such remedy, nor to impair any right of Respondent to seek judicial review of the Department's selection of any remedy.

#### XVI. Miscellaneous

A. Respondent agrees to comply with and be bound by the provisions of 6 NYCRR Subparts 375-1 and 375-2; the provisions of such Subparts that are referenced herein are referenced for clarity and convenience only and the failure of this Order to specifically reference any particular regulatory provision is not intended to imply that such provision is not applicable to activities performed under this Order.

B. The Department may exempt Respondent from the requirement to obtain any state or local permit or other authorization for any activity conducted pursuant to this Order in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 375-1.12(b), (c), and (d).

C. 1. Respondent shall use best efforts to obtain all Site access, permits, easements, approvals, institutional controls, and/or authorizations necessary to perform Respondent's obligations under this Order, including all Department-approved Work Plans and the schedules contained therein. If, despite Respondent's best efforts, any access, permits, easements, approvals, institutional controls, or authorizations cannot be obtained, Respondent shall promptly notify the Department and include a summary of the steps taken. The Department may, as it deems appropriate and within its authority, assist Respondent in obtaining same.

2. If an interest in property is needed to implement an institutional control required by a Work Plan and such interest cannot be obtained, the Department may require

Respondent to modify the Work Plan pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6(d)(3) to reflect changes necessitated by Respondent's inability to obtain such interest.

D. The paragraph headings set forth in this Order are included for convenience of reference only and shall be disregarded in the construction and interpretation of any provisions of this Order.

E. 1. The terms of this Order shall constitute the complete and entire agreement between the Department and Respondent concerning the implementation of the activities required by this Order. No term, condition, understanding, or agreement purporting to modify or vary any term of this Order shall be binding unless made in writing and subscribed by the party to be bound. No informal advice, guidance, suggestion, or comment by the Department shall be construed as relieving Respondent of Respondent's obligation to obtain such formal approvals as may be required by this Order. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Order and any Work Plan submitted pursuant to this Order, the terms of this Order shall control over the terms of the Work Plan(s). Respondent consents to and agrees not to contest the authority and jurisdiction of the Department to enter into or enforce this Order.

2. i. Except as set forth herein, if Respondent desires that any provision of this Order be changed, Respondent shall make timely written application to the Commissioner with copies to the parties listed in Subparagraph IV.A.1.

ii. If Respondent seeks to modify an approved Work Plan, a written request shall be made to the Department's project manager, with copies to the parties listed in Subparagraph IV.A.1.

iii. Requests for a change to a time frame set forth in this Order shall be made in writing to the Department's project attorney and project manager; such requests shall not be unreasonably denied and a written response to such requests shall be sent to Respondent promptly.

F. 1. If there are multiple parties signing this Order, the term "Respondent" shall be read

in the plural, the obligations of each such party under this Order are joint and several, and the insolvency of or failure by any Respondent to implement any obligations under this Order shall not affect the obligations of the remaining Respondent(s) under this Order.

2. If Respondent is a partnership, the obligations of all general partners (including limited partners who act as general partners) under this Order are joint and several and the insolvency or failure of any general partner to implement any obligations under this Order shall not affect the obligations of the remaining partner(s) under this Order.

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing Subparagraphs XVI.F.1 and 2, if multiple parties sign this Order as Respondents but not all of the signing parties elect to implement a Work Plan, all Respondents are jointly and severally liable for each and every obligation under this Order through the completion of activities in such Work Plan that all such parties consented to; thereafter, only those Respondents electing to perform additional work shall be jointly and severally liable under this Order for the obligations and activities under such additional Work Plan(s). The parties electing not to implement the additional Work Plan(s) shall have no obligations under this Order relative to the activities set forth in such Work Plan(s). Further, only those Respondents electing to implement such additional Work Plan(s) shall be eligible to receive the release and covenant not to sue referenced in Paragraph VII.

G. Respondent shall be entitled to receive contribution protection and/or to seek contribution to the extent authorized by ECL § 27-1421(6) and 6 NYCRR § 375-1.5(b)(5).

H. Any time limitations set forth in Section 113(g)(1) of CERCLA, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(g)(1), Section 1012(h)(2) of the Oil Pollution Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 2712(h)(2), the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the New York Navigation Law, the New York Environmental Conservation Law, or any other federal or state statute or regulation with respect to potential claims for natural resource damages against Respondent or any other time limitations for the filing of potential natural resource damages claims against Respondent under any other applicable state or federal law

are tolled in their entirety from the effective date of this Order until termination of this Order.

I. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, terms used in this Order which are defined in ECL Article 27 or in regulations promulgated thereunder shall have the meaning assigned to them under said statute or regulations.

J. Respondent's obligations under this Order represent payment for or reimbursement of response costs, and shall not be deemed to constitute any type of fine or penalty.

K. Respondent and Respondent's successors and assigns shall be bound by this Order. Any change in ownership or corporate status of Respondent shall in no way alter Respondent's responsibilities under this Order.

L. This Order may be executed for the convenience of the parties hereto, individually or in combination, in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to have the status of an executed original and all of which shall together constitute one and the same.

