

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

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August 7, 2018

Thomas Stylarek  
Nassau-Suffolk Turf Services, Inc.  
60 Gazza Blvd.  
Farmingdale, New York 11735

Re: Order on Consent  
R4-2018-0176-155

Dear Mr. Stylarek:

Enclosed please find a copy of the fully executed Order on Consent referenced above.

This will also acknowledge receipt of \$2,000 the civil penalty pursuant to Paragraph I.

Sincerely,



Stephen Repsher  
Assistant Regional Attorney  
Region 4

Enclosure

ec: M. Leidy



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

**STATE OF NEW YORK: DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

In the Matter of Violations of the  
Environmental Conservation Law (“ECL”)  
Article 33, and Title 6 of the Official  
Compilation of Codes, Rules and  
Regulations of the State of  
New York (“6 NYCRR”),

**ORDER ON CONSENT**  
R4-2018-0716-155

-by-

Nassau-Suffolk Turf Services, Inc.  
60 Gazza Blvd.  
Farmingdale, NY 11735,

Respondent.

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**WHEREAS:**

**Jurisdiction**

1. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) is the State agency with jurisdiction over the environmental law and policy of the State pursuant to §33-0301 of the Environmental Conservation Law (“ECL”), among other authorities. The Department is and has been responsible for the regulation of the use, and for the enforcement of the provisions of law governing the use of pesticides in the State pursuant to ECL Article 33 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder at Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (6 NYCRR) Part 325.
2. Respondent, Nassau-Suffolk Turf Services, Inc., is a domestic corporation engaged in the commercial pest control business in the State of New York.
3. Respondent is a person as defined in ECL § 33-0101(33).

**VIOLATIONS**

4. On March 23, 2018, Department staff conducted an inspection of Respondent’s facility and records.
5. During the March 23, 2018 inspection, Department staff reviewed Respondent’s pesticide application records and observed that on June 20, 2017, Respondent applied Nutrol (EPA# 70644-1) to cool season turf grass, at French Woods Golf Course in Hancock, NY, at a rate of 1 fluid ounce per 1,000 square feet.

6. The product label for Nutrol specifies that the application rate for cool season turf grass is 2 to 4 ounces per 1,000 square feet.
7. During the March 23, 2018 inspection, Department staff further observed from Respondent's application records that on June 20, 2017, Respondent also applied Lambda GC-0 (EPA#53883-244-66222), for the target organism "hyperodes weevil," at a rate of 6 fluid ounces per acre.
8. The product label for Lambda GC-0 specifies that the application rate for hyperodes weevil is 10 fluid ounces per acre.
9. Regulations at 6 NYCRR § 325.2(b) state that "Pesticides are to be used only in accordance with label and labeling directions or as modified or expanded and approved by the department."
10. Respondent's failure to apply pesticides in accordance with their labeling directions constitute two discrete violations of 6 NYCRR § 325.2(b).

#### **Civil Penalty**

11. ECL § 71-2907 (1) provides, *inter alia*, that "any person who violates any provisions of article 33 of this chapter or any rule, regulation or order issued thereunder . . . shall be liable . . . for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars for a first violation, and not to exceed ten thousand dollars for a subsequent offense."

#### **Waiver of Hearing**

12. Respondent has affirmatively waived its right to notice and hearing in the manner provided by law and has consented to the issuing and entering of this Order and agrees to be bound by its terms, provisions and conditions contained within the Order.

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

- I. **Civil Penalty.** Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000). Payment of the civil penalty is due upon the return of a signed and notarized copy of this Order to the Department. The civil penalty shall be paid by money order, company or bank check made payable to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Payment of the civil penalty shall not alter Respondent's obligation to complete performance of the terms of this Order.

II. **Binding Effect.** The provisions of this Order shall be deemed to bind Respondent, its agents, employees, and all persons, firms, corporations acting under or controlled by it.

III. **Communications.** Except as otherwise specified in this Order, any reports, submissions, and notices herein required shall be made to:

For the Department:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
Region 4  
Bureau of Pesticides  
Attn: Michael Leidy  
1130 North Westcott Road  
Schenectady, NY 12306

For the Respondent:

Nassau-Suffolk Turf Services, Inc.  
Attn: Thomas Stylarek  
60 Gazza Blvd.  
Farmingdale, NY 11735

IV. **Summary Abatement.** The terms of this Order shall not be construed to prohibit the Commissioner or his duly authorized representative from exercising any summary abatement powers, either at common law or as granted pursuant to statute or regulation.

V. **Indemnification.** Respondent shall indemnify and hold harmless the Department, the State of New York, and their representatives and employees for all claims, suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description arising out of or resulting from the fulfillment or attempted fulfillment of the provisions hereof by Respondent, its directors, officers, employees, servants, agents, successors or assigns, except to the extent that any such claims arise or result from the acts or omissions by the Department, the State of New York, or its employees.

VI. **Modification.** No change in this Order shall be made or become effective except as set forth by a written order of the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee, such change to be made only upon written agreement of the parties.

VII. **Effective Date.** This Order is deemed effective on the date signed by the Department. The Department will provide Respondent a fully executed copy of this Order as soon as practicable following the effective date of this Order.

VIII. **Scope.** Except as specifically provided in this Order, nothing contained in this Order shall be construed as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting:

A. Any legal or equitable rights or claims, actions, proceedings, suits, causes of action or demands whatsoever that the Department or State may have against Respondent for any other violations of the ECL, rules or regulations promulgated thereunder;

B. Any legal or equitable rights or claims, actions, proceedings, suits, causes of action or demands whatsoever that the State may have against anyone other than Respondent, its agents, its servants, its employees, its successors and its assigns; and

C. Respondent's right to assert all available defenses to any claims, actions, proceedings, suits, causes of actions or demands made or commenced by the State or the Department provided, however, that Respondent waives all legal or equitable rights claims, actions, proceedings, appeals, suits, causes of action, defenses or demands whatsoever that it may have to a judicial review of the validity and binding effect of this Order and whether or not this Order has been entered into voluntarily by Respondent.

**IX. Review of Submitted Documentation.**

1. All documents which Respondent must submit pursuant to this Order are subject to Department approval.

2. The Department shall review each submittal from Respondent pursuant to this Order to determine whether it was prepared, and whether the work performed to generate the data in the submittal was prepared, in accordance with this Order and with generally accepted technical and scientific principles. The Department shall notify Respondent in writing of its approval or disapproval of the submittal. All Department-approved submittals shall be incorporated into and become an enforceable part of this Order; and Respondent shall implement them in accordance with their respective schedules and terms, as approved.

3(a). If the Department disapproves a submittal, it shall notify Respondent in writing and shall specify the reasons for disapproval. Within the time frame set forth in that written notification, Respondent shall make a revised submittal to the Department that addresses and resolves all the stated reasons for disapproval of the initial submittal.

3(b). After receipt of a revised submittal, the Department shall notify Respondent in writing of its approval or disapproval. If the revised submittal is not approvable as submitted, the Department, at its option, may disapprove it or may approve it on condition that Respondent accept such modifications as may be specified by the Department to make it approvable.

If Respondent does not accept such modifications, the revised submittal will be disapproved. If the Department disapproves the revised submittal, Respondent shall be in violation of this Order. If the Department approves the revised submittal, it shall be incorporated into and become an enforceable part of this Order.

4. Respondent shall modify and/or amplify and expand a submittal upon the Department's direction to do so if the Department determines, as a result of reviewing data generated by an activity required under this Order, or as a result of reviewing any other data or facts, that further work is necessary. The Department agrees that any modifications it specifies shall be reasonable and consistent with customary engineering standards.

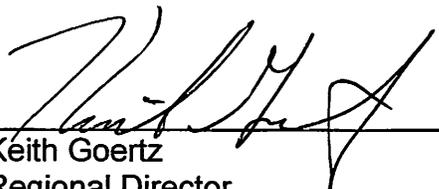
X. **Access.** To ensure compliance with the ECL and this Order, Respondent shall not deny the Commissioner or his duly authorized representative access at all reasonable times to inspect Respondent's New York facilities and all pesticide records for applications within the State of New York.

XI. **Schedule of Compliance.** Respondent shall comply with the attached Schedule of Compliance.

DATED: August 7, 2018  
Rotterdam, New York

Basil Seggos  
Commissioner  
New York State Department of  
Environmental Conservation

BY:

  
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Keith Goertz  
Regional Director  
Region 4

**CONSENT BY RESPONDENT**

Respondent hereby consents to the issuing and entering of this Order, waives its rights to notice and hearing herein and agrees to be bound by the provisions, terms and conditions contained herein.

SIGNED:   
PRINTED: Thomas Stylarek  
TITLE: Vice President  
DATE: 8/3/18

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
COUNTY OF NASSAU ) ss.:

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August in the year 2018, before me, the undersigned,

personally appeared Thomas Stylarek, personally known  
(Full name)

to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that s/he executed the same in his/her capacity, and that by his/her signature on said instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

  
Notary Public  
Qualified in the County of: Nassau  
My Commission Expires:

**JOHN C ARDITO**  
Notary Public - State of New York  
No. 01AR6321746  
Qualified in Nassau County  
My Commission Expires Mar. 23, 2019

## **SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE**

- (1) **Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order**, Respondent shall submit to the Department a signed and notarized Compliance Verification Affidavit ("CVA," enclosed) certifying that the actions necessary to comply with the Department's regulatory program, and those actions specified in this document, have been completed, along with any supporting documentation.
  
- (2) Compliance with this Schedule shall not be a defense to subsequent violations.

The signed and notarized CVA should be addressed to:

Michael Leidy  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
Region 4  
Bureau of Pest Management  
1130 North Westcott Road  
Schenectady, NY 12306

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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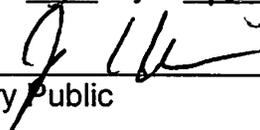
Respondent.

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I, Thomas Styfarch, being duly sworn, do depose and say  
(Full Name)  
that I have complied with the requirements of Paragraph No. 1 of the Order on Consent's  
Schedule of Compliance (File# R4-2018-0716-155) effective on the date signed by the  
Regional Director.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Respondent

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2018

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**JOHN C ARDITO**  
Notary Public - State of New York  
No. 01AR6321748  
Qualified in Nassau County  
My Commission Expires Mar. 23, 2019