

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

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September 19, 2016

Paul Buzash  
PRB & Associates  
544 Burdeck Street  
Schenectady, New York 12306

Re: Order on Consent  
R4-2016-0622-122  
William M. Larned & Sons, Inc.

Dear Mr. Buzash:

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

This will also acknowledge receipt of \$3000 the civil penalty pursuant to Paragraph I.

Sincerely,



Dusty Renee Tinsley  
Assistant Regional Attorney  
Region 4

Enclosure

cc: P. Evans



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

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

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In the Matter of Violations of  
Article 23 of the New York State  
Environmental Conservation Law and  
Title 6 of the Official New York State Code of Rules  
and Regulations

**ORDER ON CONSENT**

-by-

R4-2016-0622-121

William M. Larned & Sons, Inc.  
544 Burdeck Street  
Schenectady, New York 12306,

Respondent.

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WHEREAS:

**JURISDICTION**

1. The Department of Environmental Conservation (“Department”) is an agency of the State charged with jurisdiction over Mined Land Reclamation in the State pursuant to Article 23 of the Environmental Conservation Law (“ECL”) and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

**RESPONDENT**

2. Respondent, William M. Larned & Sons, Inc., is the owner and operator of a mine located at NYS Rte. 5, Fonda, New York 12068 (east of Reservoir Road and west of County Rte. 35) (Montgomery County)(“Mine”).
3. Respondent is subject to a Mined Land Reclamation Permit (Permit #4-2732-00008/00001) which was effective on June 2, 2010 and expired on June 1, 2015 (“Permit”). Respondent submitted a permit renewal application on May 1, 2015 which is under review by Department staff. As the permit renewal application was submitted to Department staff at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the Permit, the Permit is SAPA extended, allowing Respondent to continue mining activities at the Mine while the permit renewal application is being processed.

**INSPECTIONS**

4. Department staff conducted inspections of the Mine on September 19, 2014, August 25, 2015, and May 3, 2016.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW**

5. ECL §71-1305(2) states, “It shall be unlawful for any person to: . . . Violate any . . . order or condition of any permit of the department made pursuant thereto.”

**FIRST VIOLATION**

6. The Permit states that the “All activities authorized by this permit must be in strict conformance with the approved plans submitted by the applicant or applicant’s agent as part of the permit application, as follows . . . b. Life of Mine Mining and Reclamation Maps, Sheets 1-2, prepared June 9, 1999, by David F. Ingalls, last revised on October 23, 2009”. (Special Condition 1) The October 23, 2009 date referenced in the Permit at Special Condition 1 is a typographical error. The last revision of the Life of Mine Mining and Reclamation Maps, Sheets 1-2, prepared June 9, 1999, by David F. Ingalls was October 8, 2009 as indicated on the Life of Mine Map and Reclamation Plan.
7. The Life of Mine Mining and Reclamation Maps delineation both the 25 acre Life of Mine as well as the 2010-2015 permit term which is the 15 acres within the Life of Mine that may be affected during the permitted time period (“Permit Term Area”).
8. During the May 3, 2016 inspection, Department staff observed that Respondent mined outside the Permit Term Area provided for in the Permit.
9. Respondent’s conduct in mining outside the Permit Term Area provided for in the Permit is a violation of ECL §71-1305(2) and the Permit at Special Condition 1.

#### **SECOND VIOLATION**

10. The Permit states that “permittee shall provide permanent markers such as stakes, posts or other devices acceptable to the Department to identify and delineate the permit area, as outlined in the approved Mining Plan Map. These markers are to be installed prior to the start of mining and shall be maintained for the duration of the permit term.” (Permit at Special Condition 7)
11. During the September 19, 2014, August 25, 2015, and May 3, 2016 inspections, Department staff observed that Respondent failed to maintain permanent markers such as stakes, posts or other devices acceptable to the Department to identify and delineate the Permit Term Area.
12. Respondent’s failure to maintain permanent markers such as stakes, posts or other devices acceptable to the Department to identify and delineate the Permit Term Area are violations of ECL §71-1305(2) and the Permit at Special Condition 7.

#### **THIRD VIOLATION**

13. The Permit states that “There shall be no disposal or storage of landfill materials, trash or garbage, demolition debris or other wastes in the mine.” (Permit at Special Condition 9)
14. During the September 19, 2014, August 25, 2015, and May 3, 2016 inspections, Department staff observed landfill materials, trash or garbage, demolition debris or other wastes in the Permit Term Area.
15. Respondent’s disposal or storage of landfill materials, trash or garbage, demolition debris or other wastes in the Permit Term Area are violations of ECL §71-1305(2) and the Permit at Special Condition 9.

## WAIVER

16. 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 it agrees to be bound by the terms, provisions and conditions contained herein.

## CIVIL PENALTY

17. ECL Section 71-1307(1) states, "Any person who violates any provision of article 23 of this chapter or commits any offense described in section 71-1305 of this title shall be liable to the people of the state for a civil penalty not to exceed eight thousand dollars and an additional penalty of two thousand dollars for each day during which such violation continues . . . ."

## REMEDIES

NOW, having considered this matter and being duly advised, it is ORDERED that:

I. **Civil Penalty.** With respect to the violations identified in this Order, Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty of EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$8,000) of which THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) shall be payable to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation by money order, or certified check at the time this Order is signed, notarized and returned to the Department. FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000) of the civil penalty is suspended conditioned on Respondent's compliance with the Schedule of Compliance. Payment of the suspended civil penalty shall be due within 30 days receipt of notice from the Department setting forth the nature of the violations. The civil penalties shall be paid by check made payable to the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Payment of the above penalties shall not in any way alter Respondent's obligation to complete performance under the terms of this Order.

II. **Schedule of Compliance.** Respondents shall comply with the terms and conditions of this Order including the Schedule of Compliance. The attached Schedule of Compliance any plans approved thereunder are incorporated into the Order and are enforceable thereunder. Any records submitted to the Department shall have the owner's name, facility name and address, and contact and phone number.

III. **Settlement.** This Order settles all violations identified herein as of the effective date of the Order.

IV. **Binding Effect.** This Order is binding upon the Respondent, its agents, employees, successors, assigns and to all persons and firms, and corporations acting subordinate thereto.

V. **Summary Abatement.** This Order shall not be construed to prohibit the Commissioner or his duly authorized representatives from exercising any summary abatement powers, either at common law or as granted pursuant to statute or regulation.

VI. **Indemnification.** Respondent shall indemnify and hold the Department, the State of New York, and their representatives and employees harmless 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.

VII. **Modification.** The provisions of this Order constitute the complete and entire Order issued to the Respondent concerning resolution of the violations identified herein. No term, condition, understanding, or agreement purporting to modify or vary any term hereof shall be binding unless made in writing and subscribed by the party to be bound pursuant to the provisions of the Order. No informal oral or written advice, guidance, suggestion, or comment by the Department regarding any report, proposal, plan, specification, schedule, comment, or statement made or submitted by Respondent shall be construed as relieving Respondent of its obligation to obtain such formal approvals as may be required by this Order.

VIII. **Access.** Respondent shall allow duly authorized representatives of the Department access to the facility without prior notice, at such times as may be desirable or necessary in order for DEC to inspect and determine the status of Respondent's compliance with this Order, Department regulations, and/or the ECL and applicable federal regulations.

IX. **Effective Date.** The effective date of this Order shall be the date upon which it is signed on behalf of the Department.

X. **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 State or Department may have against Respondent for any violations not cited in this Order on Consent.

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

C. The Department's right to enforce this Order against Respondent, its officers, directors, servants, and employees in the event that Respondent shall fail to fulfill any of the terms or provisions hereof;

D. Whatever right the Department has to bring any action or proceeding against Respondent and/or any of Respondent's directors, officers, employees, servants, agents, successors, and assigns with respect to claims for natural resource damages; and

E. 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.

XI. **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 of the submittals Respondent makes pursuant to this Order to determine whether it was prepared, and whether the work done to generate the data and other information in the submittal was done in accordance with this Order and 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 so notify Respondent in writing and shall specify the reasons for its 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 of the Department's stated reasons for disapproving the first submittal.

b. After receipt of the revised submittal, the Department shall notify Respondent in writing of its approval or disapproval. If the revised submission 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 Department to make it approvable. If Respondent does not accept such modifications, the revised submission 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 will be reasonable and consistent with customary engineering standards.

XII. **Default.** Respondent shall not be in default of compliance with this Order if they are unable to comply with any provision of this Order solely because of an action of a national government or court, or an act of nature, war strike, riot, or catastrophe, as to any of which the negligence or willful misconduct of Respondent was not a proximate cause. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing immediately upon obtaining knowledge of any such event. Relief under this clause shall not be available if Respondent fails to timely comply with the notice requirement set out in this paragraph.

XIII. **Communications.** Communications shall be sent to

For Department:

Natural Resource Supervisor  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Region 4  
1130 N. Westcott Road  
Schenectady, New York 12306

For Respondent:

William M. Larned & Sons, Inc.  
544 Burdeck Street  
Schenectady, New York 12306

Please include entity name, address, and permit number (if applicable) on all correspondence.

DATED: Rotterdam, New York  
September 19, 2016

Basil Seggos  
Commissioner  
New York State Department of  
Environmental Conservation

BY:



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Keith Goertz  
Regional Director  
Region 4



## **SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE**

1. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall install highly visible, permanent area markers to delineate the permit term boundary as required by the Permit (at all corners and at 100 foot intervals). The area affected beyond the approved permit boundary must also have permanent markers installed.
2. Within 60 days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall remove and properly dispose of or recycle all landfill materials, trash or garbage, demolition debris or other wastes in the Mine.
3. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall respond to Department staff's December 18, 2015 Request for Additional Information, including: all necessary revisions applicable to the additional 1.7 acres to the mining permit application Acreage Summary, Mining and Reclamation Narratives, and both the Life of Mine – Mining and Reclamation Maps.
4. If Respondent determines that the 1.7 acres disturbed outside of the Permit Term Area is not to be included in the upcoming permit renewal, as set forth in its response to Department staff's December 18, 2015 Request for Additional Information, Respondent shall reclaim this 1.7 acres according to the approved Reclamation Plan.