

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

In the Matter a Remedial Program for

**ORDER ON CONSENT AND
ADMINISTRATIVE SETTLEMENT
Index No. R2-20220214-36**

DEC Site Name: 673 Livonia Avenue

DEC Site No.: 224352

Site Address: 673 Livonia Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

Hereinafter referred to as "Site"

by: ElderServe Health, Inc.
RESPONDENT

Hereinafter referred to as "Respondent"

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, and resolves Respondent's liability to the State as provided at 6 NYCRR 375-1.5(b)(5).

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 224352.

3. Respondent consents to the issuance of this Order without (i) an 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.

4. Respondent and the Department agree that the primary goals of this Order are to appropriately characterize the contamination at the Site and provide a mechanism for Respondent to implement any necessary interim remedial measures and associated site management.

5. Respondent and the Department acknowledge that Respondent will submit a construction completion report as described in DER-10 Section 5.8(a)(1) instead of the final engineering report as described in 6 NYCRR 375-1.6(c).

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 224352, consists of approximately 0.230 acres, and is as follows:

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

Tax Map/Parcel No.: Block 3808, Lot 1
673 Livonia Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207
Owner: ElderServe Health, Inc.

II. Initial Work Plan

A Site Characterization Report and IRM 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:

ElderServe Health, Inc.

80 W 225th St
Bronx, NY 10463

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 United States Postal Service, by private courier service, by hand delivery, or by electronic mail.

1. Communication from Respondent shall be sent to:

Madeleine Babick
DEC Project Manager (1 hard copy (unbound for work plans) & 1
electronic copy)
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Remediation
47-40 21st Street, Long Island City, NY 11101
Madeleine.Babick@dec.ny.gov

Daniel Tucholski (electronic copy only)
New York State Department of Health
Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation
Empire State Plaza
Corning Tower Room 1787
Albany, N.Y. 12237
Daniel.Tucholski@health.ny.gov

James L. Simpson
DEC Project Attorney
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Office of General Counsel
47-40 21st Street, Long Island City, NY 11101
James.Simpson@dec.ny.gov

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

ElderServe Health, Inc.
80 W 225th St
Bronx, NY 10463

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

DATED: March 17, 2022

BASIL SEGGOS
COMMISSIONER
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

By: *Susan Edwards*

Susan Edwards, P.E., Acting Director
Division of Environmental Remediation

Notary Public, State of New York

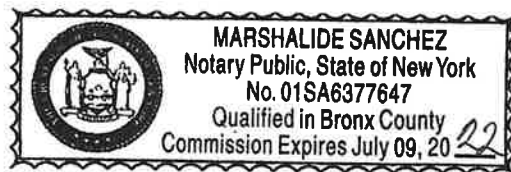


EXHIBIT "A"

Map

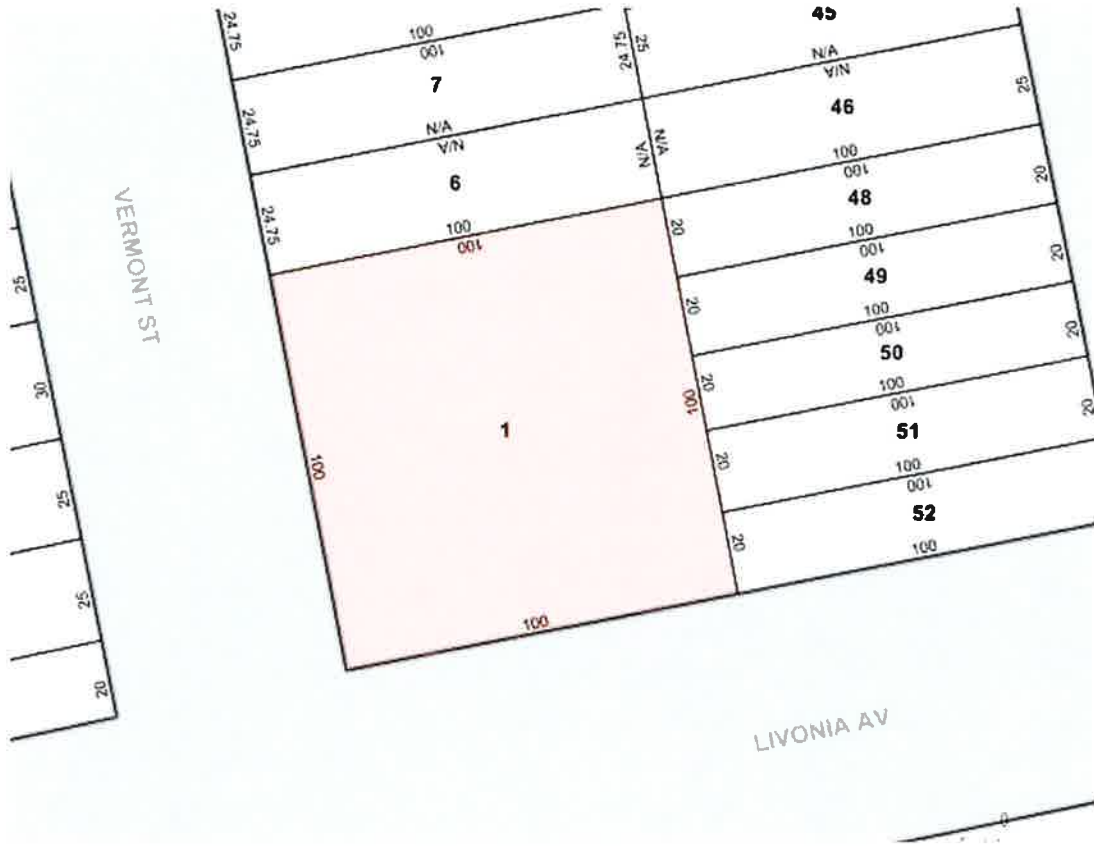


EXHIBIT "B"

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 and consultants 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
 - (iii) 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 "D"

[date]

ElderServe Health, Inc.
80 West 225th St
Bronx, NY 10463

RE: Satisfactory Completion Letter/No Further Action Letter
Site No.: 224352
Site Name: 673 Livonia Avenue - OER

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. R2-20220214-36 for 673 Livonia, Brooklyn, New York, 11207 (Block 3808, Lot 1) ("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 Madeleine Babick, site project manager, at (718)482-4992

Sincerely,

Susan Edwards, P.E.
Acting Director
Division of Environmental Remediation

ec: Madeleine Babick, DER
Jane O'Connell, DER
James L. Simpson, OGC

APPENDIX "A"

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

APPENDIX A

STANDARD CLAUSES FOR ALL NEW YORK STATE SUPERFUND ADMINISTRATIVE 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 Department places the site on the registry, Respondent shall submit for review and approval a written citizen participation plan prepared in accordance with the requirements of ECL §27-1417 and 6 NYCRR sections 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") and 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), 375-3.6, 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 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 Subparagraph 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 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 a 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 by 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 of 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 been disapproved, Respondent shall notify the Department of its election in accordance with 6 NYCRR 375-1.6(d)(3). If Respondent elects to modify 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 have 60 days from the date of the Department's issuance of the ROD to notify the Department in writing whether it will implement the remedial activities required by such 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 or failure to comply with the election is a violation of this Order.

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