

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
VS.)
BRIDGEPORT HEALTH CARE CENTER, INC.)

ORDER NO. 2221

CONSENT ORDER

- A. With the agreement of Bridgeport Health Care Center, Inc. ("Respondent"), the Commissioner of Environmental Protection ("Commissioner") finds the following:
1. The Respondent is a skilled nursing facility located at 540 Bond Street in Bridgeport ("facility").
2. At the facility, the Respondent has potential emissions of Nitrogen Oxides ("NOx") and Sulfur Oxides ("SOx") that are greater than the Title V thresholds.
3. The Respondent is registered to operate under the General Permit to Limit Potential to Emit ("GPLPE"), which was issued by the Commissioner on February 24, 2006
4. The Respondent is operating under Registration Number 015-0236-GPLPE.
5. Section 5(d)(1) of the GPLPE requires the Respondent to submit an Annual Compliance Certification to the Commissioner on or before January 30th of each year.
6. The Respondent failed to submit a timely Annual Compliance Certification for operating years 2003, 2006, 2007, and was issued a Notice of Violation for each occurrence.
7. The Respondent failed to submit a timely Annual Compliance Certification for operating year 2008.
8. Notice of Violation No. 16373 was issued to the Respondent on July 2, 2009 for failing to submit an Annual Compliance Certification on or before January 30th for operating year 2008.

9. On July 17, 2009, the Respondent submitted an Annual Compliance Certification for operating year 2008.
 10. By virtue of the above, the Respondent violated Section 5(d)(1) of the GPLPE.
- B. With the agreement of the Respondent, the Commissioner, acting under §22a-6, 22a-171, 22a-174, 22a-177, and 22a-178 of the Connecticut General Statutes, orders the Respondent as follows:
1. Civil penalty. On or before 30 days after issuance of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall pay a penalty of \$2,200 as the total civil penalty to be sought by the Commissioner for the violation described in paragraph A.10. of this Consent Order.
 2. Payment of penalties. Payment of penalties under this consent order shall be mailed or personally delivered to the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Financial and Support Services, Accounts Receivable Office, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, and shall be by certified or bank check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall state on its face, "Bureau of Air Management, Engineering and Enforcement Division Civil Penalty, Consent Order 2221."
 3. Full compliance. The Respondent shall not be considered in full compliance with this Consent Order until all actions required by this Consent Order have been completed as approved and to the Commissioner's satisfaction.
 4. Approvals. The Respondent shall use best efforts to submit to the Commissioner all documents required by this Consent Order in a complete and approvable form. If the Commissioner notifies the Respondent that any document or other action is deficient, and does not approve it with conditions or modifications, it is deemed disapproved, and the Respondent shall correct the deficiencies and resubmit it within the time specified by the Commissioner or, if no time is specified by the Commissioner, within 30 days of the Commissioner's notice of deficiencies. In approving any document or other action under this Consent Order, the Commissioner may approve the document or other action as submitted or performed or with such conditions or modifications as the Commissioner deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Consent Order. Nothing in this paragraph shall excuse noncompliance or delay.
 5. Definitions. As used in this Consent Order, "Commissioner" means the Commissioner or a representative of the Commissioner.
 6. Dates. The date of "issuance" of this Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is deposited in the U.S. mail or personally delivered, whichever is earlier. The date of submission to the Commissioner of any document required by this Consent Order shall be the date such document is received by the Commissioner. The date of any notice by the Commissioner under this Consent Order, including but not limited to notice of approval or disapproval of any document or other action, shall be the date such notice is deposited in the

U.S. mail or is personally delivered, whichever is earlier. Except as otherwise specified in this Consent Order, the word "day" as used in this Consent Order means calendar day. Any document or action which is required by this Consent Order to be submitted or performed by a date which falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a Connecticut or federal holiday shall be submitted or performed by the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Connecticut or federal holiday.

7. Certification of documents. Any document, including but not limited to any notice, which is required to be submitted to the Commissioner under this Consent Order shall be signed by the Respondent or, if the Respondent is not an individual, by the Respondent's chief executive officer or a duly authorized representative of such officer, as those terms are defined in §22a-430-3(b)(2) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and by the individual(s) responsible for actually preparing such document, and the Respondent or the Respondent's chief executive officer and each such individual shall certify in writing as follows:

"I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments thereto, and I certify, based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement made in the submitted information is punishable as a criminal offense under §53a-157b of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other applicable law."
8. Noncompliance. This Consent Order is a final order of the Commissioner with respect to the matters addressed herein, and is nonappealable and immediately enforceable. Failure to comply with this Consent Order may subject the Respondent to an injunction and penalties.
9. False statements. Any false statement in any information submitted pursuant to this Consent Order is punishable as a criminal offense under §53a-157b of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other applicable law.
10. Notice of transfer; liability of Respondent. Until the Respondent has fully complied with this Consent Order, the Respondent shall notify the Commissioner in writing no later than 15 days after transferring all or any portion of the facility, the operations, the site or the business which is the subject of this Consent Order or after obtaining a new mailing or location address. The Respondent's obligations under this Consent Order shall not be affected by the passage of title to any property to any other person or municipality.
11. Commissioner's powers. Except as provided hereinabove with respect to payment of civil penalties, nothing in this Consent Order shall affect the Commissioner's authority to institute any proceeding or take any other action to prevent or abate violations of law, prevent or abate pollution, recover costs and natural resource damages, and to impose penalties for past, present, or future violations of law. If at any time the Commissioner determines that the actions taken by the Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order have not successfully corrected all violations, fully characterized the extent or degree of any

pollution, or successfully abated or prevented pollution, the Commissioner may institute any proceeding to require the Respondent to undertake further investigation or further action to prevent or abate violations or pollution.

12. Respondent's obligations under law. Nothing in this Consent Order shall relieve the Respondent of other obligations under applicable federal, state and local law.
13. No assurance by Commissioner. No provision of this Consent Order and no action or inaction by the Commissioner shall be construed to constitute an assurance by the Commissioner that the actions taken by the Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order will result in compliance.
14. Access to site. Any representative of the Department of Environmental Protection may enter the facility without prior notice for the purposes of monitoring and enforcing the actions required or allowed by this Consent Order.
15. No effect on rights of other persons. This Consent Order neither creates nor affects any rights of persons or municipalities that are not parties to this Consent Order.
16. Notice to Commissioner of changes. Within 15 days of the date the Respondent becomes aware of a change in any information submitted to the Commissioner under this Consent Order, or that any such information was inaccurate or misleading or that any relevant information was omitted, the Respondent shall submit the correct or omitted information to the Commissioner.
17. Notification of noncompliance. In the event that the Respondent becomes aware that it did not or may not comply, or did not or may not comply on time, with any requirement of this Consent Order or of any document required hereunder, the Respondent shall immediately notify by telephone the individual identified in the next paragraph and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that any noncompliance or delay is avoided or, if unavoidable, is minimized to the greatest extent possible. Within five (5) days of the initial notice, the Respondent shall submit in writing the date, time, and duration of the noncompliance and the reasons for the noncompliance or delay and propose, for the review and written approval of the Commissioner, dates by which compliance will be achieved, and the Respondent shall comply with any dates which may be approved in writing by the Commissioner. Notification by the Respondent shall not excuse noncompliance or delay, and the Commissioner's approval of any compliance dates proposed shall not excuse noncompliance or delay unless specifically so stated by the Commissioner in writing.
18. Joint and several liability. Respondent shall be jointly and severally liable for compliance with this Consent Order.

[Note: This sheet is not a part of the order and is only attached to the original order, which is retained in separate DEP files which are accessible to the public with close supervision. The order must be mailed to the Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested. If the Respondent is a business, send a certified copy to the attention of a person at the business.]

Certification of Mailing

On _____, 2010, at ___ :__ A.M./P.M., I mailed a certified copy of State Order No. 2221 to the following, by placing it in the [U.S. mail/interdepartmental mail]:


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- 19. Submission of documents. Any document required to be submitted to the Commissioner under this Consent Order shall, unless otherwise specified in this Consent Order or in writing by the Commissioner, be directed to:

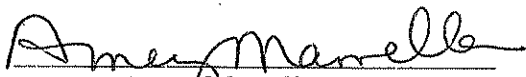
Rickey Bouffard
 Department of Environmental Protection
 Bureau of Air Management
 Engineering and Enforcement Division
 79 Elm Street
 Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127

Respondent consents to the issuance of this consent order without further notice. The undersigned certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into this consent order and to legally bind the Respondent to the terms and conditions of the consent order.

Bridgeport Health Care Center, Inc.

Signature: 
 Type Name: Chaim Stern
 Type Title: CFO
 Date: 10-19-2010

Issued as a final order of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.


 Amey Marrella
 Commissioner

11/2/10
 Date

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