

Connecticut Department of

**ENERGY &  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION**

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

VS

CONSENT ORDER NUMBER  
COWSPST11-087

Issue Date December 6, 2011

LOUIS E. MINERI, III  
JOSEPH MINERI AND CHRISTOPHER MINERI  
DBA/MINERI LANDSCAPING, LLC AND  
DBA/MINERI LANDSCAPING TREE & EXCAVATION AND  
DBA/MINERI LANDSCAPING AND EXCAVATION  
RESPONDENT

A. With the agreement of Mineri Landscaping, LLC ("Respondent"), the Commissioner of Energy & Environmental Protection ("the Commissioner") finds:

1. Respondent is registered with the Secretary of the State of Connecticut as Mineri Landscaping, LLC with a business address at 59 State Street, North Haven, Connecticut; and doing business as "Mineri Landscaping Tree & Excavation."
2. On 11/1/10, Respondent solicited to perform arboriculture services including pruning of trees at the Minich property in Milford, Connecticut without first obtaining arborist certification from the Commissioner of Energy & Environmental Protection.
3. On or about 5/14/08, Respondent performed arboriculture including pruning trees at Quinnipiac Court Apartments located in New Haven, Connecticut without first obtaining arborist certification from the Commissioner of Energy & Environmental Protection.

By virtue of the above, Respondent has violated Connecticut General Statutes Section 23-61b.

B. With the agreement of Respondent, the Commissioner, acting under §22a-6 and §23-61f(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, orders Respondent as follows:

1. Effective immediately upon issuance of this consent order, Respondent shall take all steps necessary to comply with all applicable provisions of chapters 441 governing Pesticide Control and 451 governing licensing for arboriculture of the Connecticut General Statutes and regulations promulgated thereunder and shall maintain such compliance.

2. Full compliance. 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.

3. Civil penalty. Respondent shall pay a penalty of \$2,250.00 in four (4) installments as follows; \$562.50 on or before thirty(30) days after the date of issuance of this consent order, \$562.50 on or before one hundred twenty (120) days after the date of issuance of this consent order, \$562.50 on or before two hundred ten (210) days after the date of issuance of this consent order and \$562.50 on or before three hundred (300) days of the date of issuance of this consent order as the total civil penalty to be sought by the Commissioner for those, and only those, violations described in paragraph A.2 through A.3 of this consent order.

4. Payment of penalties. Payment of penalties under this consent order shall be mailed or personally delivered to the Department of Energy & 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 Materials Management & Compliance Assurance, Pesticide Management Program civil penalty, consent order COWSPST11-087."

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. 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 Respondent to an injunction and penalties.

8. False statements. Any false statement in any information submitted pursuant to this consent order may be punishable as a criminal offense under §53a-157b of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other applicable law.

9. Notice of transfer; liability of Respondent. Until Respondent has fully complied with this consent order, 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. 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.

10. 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 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 Respondent to undertake further investigation or further action to prevent or abate violations or pollution.

11. Respondent's obligations under law. Nothing in this consent order shall relieve Respondent of other obligations under applicable federal, state and local law.

12. 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 Respondent pursuant to this consent order will result in compliance [or prevent or abate pollution].

13. Access to site. Any representative of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection may enter the place of business without prior notice for the purposes of monitoring and enforcing the actions required or allowed by this consent order.

14. 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.

15. Notification of noncompliance. In the event that 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, 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, 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 Respondent shall comply with any dates which may be approved in writing by the Commissioner. Notification by 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.

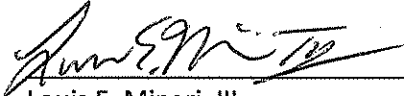
16. Submission of documents. Any document required to be submitted to the Commissioner under this consent order shall, unless otherwise specified in this consent order or in writing by the Commissioner, be directed to:

DIANE JORSEY, ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYST III  
Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
BUREAU OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT & COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE  
Pesticide Management Program  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127

17. Joint and several liability. Respondents shall be jointly and severally liable for compliance with this consent order.

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.

LOUIS E. MINERI, III and  
JOSEPH MINERI and  
CHRISTOPHER MINERI  
DBA/MINERI LANDSCAPING, LLC and  
DBA/MINERI LANDSCAPING TREE & EXCAVATION and  
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RESPONDENT

BY:   
Louis E. Mineri, III  
Member

11-28-11  
Date

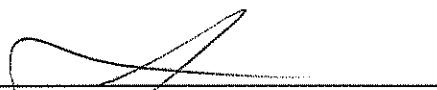
  
Joseph Mineri  
Managing Partner

11-28-11  
Date

  
Christopher Mineri  
Managing Partner

11-28-11  
Date

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

  
FOR Daniel C. Esty  
Commissioner

12/5/11  
Date