

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Board of Registration of

Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals

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HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE CLEANUP PROFESSIONAL ENTERS ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT DECREE WITH MASSACHUSETTS STATE BOARD

BOSTON – Robert Ankstitus, of Tetra Tech Inc., in Marlborough, has entered into an Administrative Consent Order with the Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals (the Board). Pursuant to the Order, Mr. Ankstitus agreed to a 12-month suspension of his license and to obtain 16 hours of Continuing Education credits in the subject areas of Vapor Intrusion and/or Remedial Additives as regulated under Chapter 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) conducted audits at disposal sites in Taunton and West Tisbury, and found that Mr. Ankstitus failed to adhere to the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan in providing professional services. MassDEP filed a complaint with the Board in December 2011.

The Board agreed that, in exchange for executing the Administrative Consent Order, it will not conduct, recommend, or prosecute Mr. Ankstitus or take any action under any state law, regulation, or other legal authority. The Consent Order resolves all disciplinary matters currently pending against Mr. Ankstitus.

"The Board's regulations require that in providing professional services, a waste site cleanup professional should hold paramount protection of the public safety, health, welfare and environment at all times," said Gregg McBride, a LSP Board member.

"LSPs" are licensed by the Board to oversee the assessment and cleanup of property in Massachusetts contaminated with petroleum or other hazardous materials. They are hired by parties, who are legally responsible for cleanup of the contamination.

Additional information about the Board can be found on its website at <u>http://www.mass.gov/lsp</u> or by calling the telephone number listed above.