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City of Elyria and Madden Brothers Reach Settlement with Ohio EPA for Environmental Violations at Former Compost Facility

The city of Elyria and Madden Brothers Inc. have agreed to pay a \$36,848 penalty to [Ohio EPA](#) to settle environmental violations that occurred at the city's former composting facility located at the old Garden Street Landfill in Elyria. The parties also agreed to carry out final closure activities at the composting facility to ensure all environmental concerns are addressed.

The closed composting facility was owned by the city of Elyria and operated by Madden Brothers between 2004 and early 2011. Ohio EPA and the [Elyria City Health District](#) conducted frequent inspections during that time and documented numerous violations of Ohio's environmental laws. The parties were repeatedly cited for failing to: repair damage to the landfill cap system sustained during composting operations; properly manage and dispose of solid wastes co-mingled with leaves and other debris brought to the compost facility; and control leachate (liquid accumulating on-site) and surface water run-off. Ohio EPA first made the parties aware of the problems in 2004, but they persisted through subsequent inspections.

The [settlement](#) requires the city and Madden Brothers to remove all solid waste, compost and other materials from the former composting facility, repair all damaged areas of the old landfill's protective cover and collect all newly generated leachate and dispose of it at an approved wastewater treatment facility.

The civil penalty includes \$29,478 to be deposited into Ohio's Environmental Protection Remediation Fund and \$7,370 to Ohio EPA's [Clean Diesel School Bus Program](#).

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