The NYSDEC is authorized ECL under §27-1313(4) to identify responsible parties according to applicable principles of statutory or common law liability. The NYSDEC has defined a "Responsible party" to mean the following parties:

(1) Any person who currently owns or operates a site or any portion of a site;

(2) Any person who owned or operated a site or any portion of a site at the time of disposal of the contaminant;

(3) Any person who generated any contaminants disposed at a site;

(4) Any person who transported any contaminants to a site selected by such person;

(5) Any person who disposed of any contaminants at a site;

(6) Any person who arranged for the transportation of any contaminants to a site or the disposal of any contaminants at a site; and

(7) Any other person who is responsible according to the applicable principles of statutory or common-law liability pursuant to ECL § 27-1313(4) and/or CERCLA.