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## **KING COLE HOLDINGS LIMITED FINED \$90,000 FOR SPILL OF PARTIALLY TREATED DUCK SEWAGE**

RICHMOND HILL —King Cole Holdings Limited was fined \$90,000 today, plus victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to a violation of the *Ontario Water Resources Act* (OWRA).

King Cole Holdings operates a poultry processing facility in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. The Court heard that on April 15, 2005, a treatment pond at the facility overflowed, resulting in a spill of a significant volume of partially treated duck sewage. The sewage flowed off-site onto Warden Avenue, affecting traffic and damaging a small stretch of the road. Ultimately, the sewage flowed into Bogart Creek, which runs into the Holland River.

Following an investigation by the Ministry of the Environment's Investigations and Enforcement Branch, King Cole Holdings was charged. The company pleaded guilty to one count of discharging material that may impair water quality, contrary to section 30(1) of the OWRA.

Justice of the Peace E. Linda DeBartolo heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Richmond Hill, Ontario on February 13, 2006.

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