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## **BRENNTAG CANADA INCORPORATED FINED \$25,000 FOR FAILING TO REPORT A CHEMICAL SPILL**

**CORNWALL**—Brenntag Canada Incorporated has been fined \$25,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to an infraction of the *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)*.

Brenntag Canada owns and operates a facility in Cornwall, Ontario, which blends and repackages various chemical products to fill custom industrial and commercial orders.

The Court heard that on June 13, 2005, a spill of a product that contained a significant volume of hydrogen peroxide took place at the Cornwall facility. The product was being transferred from a transport vehicle to an on-site holding tank when the spill occurred. The Court was told that, while an estimated 112 kg of the product was spilled on to a gravel surface, the spill was contained on site and diluted with water.

The Court also heard that the Ministry of the Environment was not notified of the spill until two days later, while the company is required by law to notify the ministry immediately.

Brenntag Canada pleaded guilty to one count of failing to notify the ministry of a spill, contrary to section 92(1)(a) of the *EPA*, and was fined \$25,000.

Justice of the Peace John Doran heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Cornwall on May 3, 2006.

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