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COMPANY FINED \$2,000 FOR DISCHARGING A CONTAMINANT LIKELY TO CAUSE AN ADVERSE EFFECT

ST. CATHARINES – 303834 Inc. has been fined \$2,000 after pleading guilty to discharging a contaminant into the natural environment which caused an adverse effect.

303834 Inc., operated a trailer park at 8223 Stanley Avenue South in Niagara Falls for 29 years until its sale on December 29, 2003.

In November 2003, residents of the trailer park complained to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and the City of Niagara Falls Public Health Department about sewage odours. An MOE provincial officer inspected the trailer park and determined that a non-approved sewage system was discharging sewage to the ground.

In December 2003, a Provincial Officer's Order was issued requiring the company to immediately stop the sewage discharge and correct deficiencies in the system. Following the order, another discharge occurred indicating that corrective actions were not implemented. The case was investigated by the ministry's Investigation & Enforcement Branch and 303834 Inc. was subsequently charged under the Environmental Protection Act (EPA).

303834 Inc. pleaded guilty to discharging or causing or permitting the discharge of a contaminant, namely sewage odours, into the natural environment that caused an adverse effect contrary to Section 14(1) of the EPA and was fined \$2,000 plus a victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace Donna J. Cowan heard sentencing submissions and rendered her decision in the Ontario Court of Justice in St. Catharines, Ontario, on November 18, 2005.

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