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LEE ACADEMY OWNER FINED \$2,200 AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO VIOLATIONS UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT

HAMILTON —The company that owns Lee Academy has been fined a total of \$2,200 after pleading guilty to two charges under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Lee Academy, owned by 1612717, is a private school located at 1978 Concession 2W in Hamilton.

The school is a designated facility under Ontario Regulation 170/03, of the Safe Drinking Water Act with drinking water supplied by a 155 foot drilled well. The regulation requires that where water is treated with chlorination prior to entering the distribution system, a sample must be taken every two weeks for testing, and that at least one water sample be tested for nitrate and nitrite every three months.

The Court heard that between September 24, 2004 and November 3, 2004 only one distribution sample was taken for microbiological testing. As well, between September 8, 2004 and December 31, 2004, no sample was taken from the drinking-water system for the required testing for nitrate and nitrite.

The company pleaded guilty to one count of failing to ensure that at least one distribution sample was taken every two weeks for microbiological analysis, contrary to Section 12-2(1)(a) of O. Reg. 170/03, and fined \$800. In addition, the company pleaded guilty to one count of failing to ensure that at least one sample was taken every three months and tested for nitrate and nitrite, contrary to Section 15-4(1) of O. Reg. 170/03, and fined \$1,400. The total fine was \$2,200 plus victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace Mitchell Baker heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Hamilton, Ontario, on January 3, 2006.

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