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## **PAUL DOUGLAS REW FINED \$1,500 FOR VIOLATION OF THE ONTARIO WATER RESOURCES ACT.**

OWEN SOUND — Paul Douglas Rew has been fined \$1,500 after pleading guilty to operating a sewage works without a Certificate of Approval (CofA).

Paul Douglas Rew is the sole director and officer of Rubicon Environmental Inc., an environmental consulting company, specializing in the remediation of hydrocarbon contaminated sites.

The Court heard that Rubicon Environmental was contacted by an insurance company in March 2004 to assess and clean up a spill of furnace oil caused by a leak in a fuel line at a residence. Although the spill occurred on February 14, 2004, the impact on the environment became evident in March when warmer temperatures caused the fuel odours in and around the residence to worsen.

Rew went to the site on March 16, 2004 and estimated that between 70 and 270 litres of fuel oil had leaked from the fuel line. Sump pumps were used to pump the contaminated groundwater into two large holding tanks. When the holding tanks were full, Rew rented an oil-water separator and had it installed at the site where it operated from April 5, 2004 through June 18, 2004. A Certificate of Approval from the Ministry of the Environment is required for the operation of an oil-water separator.

Following an investigation by the ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch, Rew was charged with one count of operating an oil-water separator without a Certificate of Approval, contrary to Section 53(5) of the Ontario Water Resources Act. Rew pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$1,500 plus a victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace Robert T. Gay heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound, Ontario on January 4, 2006.

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