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HARRY RUBIN AND SON LIMITED FINED \$4,000 FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT.

ST. CATHARINES — Harry Rubin and Son Limited has been fined \$4,000 after pleading guilty to a charge of failing to comply with the Environmental Protection Act (EPA).

Harry Rubin and Son own and operate a polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) storage site in Thorold, Ontario.

On March 23, 2004, the Ministry of the Environment inspected the site and discovered that PCBs were being improperly stored.

On April 19, 2004, the Ministry of the Environment issued a Provincial Officers Order was issued to bring the site into compliance by May 31, 2004. On July 20, 2004, MOE received correspondence indicating that the company didn't have sufficient funds to satisfy the Provincial Officers Order. By October 21, 2004 the company had still not complied with the Order and was charged. Court was told that since then the company has complied.

Charges were laid subsequent to an investigation by the ministry's Investigation and enforcement Branch. Harry Rubin and Son pleaded guilty to failure to comply with a Provincial Officers Order by failing to operate and maintain a PCB storage site, contrary to Section 186(2) of the Environmental Protection Act. The company was fined \$4,000 plus victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace Moira A. Moses heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in St. Catharines, Ontario, on November 17, 2005.

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