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HORNEPAYNE TOWNSHIP FINED \$3,000 FOR VIOLATING SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne has been fined \$3,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to violating the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

The Township of Hornepayne is located in the District of Algoma, and has a population of approximately 1,265. Drinking water is supplied by a large residential drinking-water system.

A condition of its Certificate of Approval (C of A) requires that Hornepayne have the sufficient number of flow meters to permit the measurement and recording of daily maximum flow rate, and maximum daily volume of water conveyed into the treatment system, and from the treatment system to the distribution system.

The Court heard that on March 2, 2004, a provincial officer with the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) inspected the drinking-water system and found that only one flow meter was installed and that this flow meter did not provide an accurate measure of either raw or treated flows. The matter was referred to the ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch and charges were laid.

The Township of Hornepayne pleaded guilty to one count of failing to comply with a condition of its C of A by failing to install flow-measuring devices as required, which constitutes a violation of Section 140(5) of the SDWA, and was fined \$3,000, plus a victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace Paula Nichols heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on January 11, 2006.

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