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WASTE CARE SERVICES FINED \$12,000 FOR TWO VIOLATIONS OF THE EPA

L'ORIGINAL: Waste Care Services Ltd. has been fined a total of \$12,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to two charges under the Environmental Protection Act (EPA).

Waste Care Services, a small, family-owned business, operates a waste disposal site at 153 Clement Road, in Vars, in the Township of Russell.

The Court was told that the Ministry of the Environment inspected the site in August and November of 2004. The inspections showed the company was storing processed oil filters---a liquid and solid non-hazardous waste---outside and was also processing and storing used tires outside. A condition in the company's provisional Certificate of Approval (C of A) requires it to conduct operations indoors.

The inspections also showed that the company had increased the storage capacity at the site by installing a 50,000 litre storage tank and had installed new equipment for processing used oil filters. The company did not have MOE approval to make these changes.

The Court was also told the inspections took place before the company had received approval from MOE for amendments to a provisional C of A for the site.

The ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch laid charges following an investigation.

Waste Care Services Ltd. pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to comply with a condition of its Certificate of Approval contrary to section 186(3) of the EPA and was fined \$6,000, plus a victim fine surcharge (VFS), and to a charge of enlarging, altering or extending its waste disposal site without approval contrary to section 27(1) (b) of the EPA and was fined \$6,000, plus a VFS. The company was fined a total of \$12,000, plus VFS.

Justice of the Peace Claudette Holmes heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in L'Original, Ontario, on March 16, 2006.

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