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OPERATOR OF UNAPPROVED WASTE DISPOSAL SITE FINED \$10,000 AND GIVEN JAIL TIME FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT VIOLATIONS

LINDSAY—James Greensides, a resident of the City of Kawartha Lakes, has been fined \$10,000 and sentenced to a total of 45 days in jail, following his convictions on four violations pertaining to an unapproved waste disposal site.

James Greensides operated an unapproved waste disposal site on Highway 35 in Somerville Ward. The Court heard that on December 17, 2002, Greensides was convicted on charges related to both the operation of a waste disposal site without a Certificate of Approval (C of A), and non-compliance with a Provincial Officer Order. At that time, the Ontario Court of Justice issued a remediation order to Greensides and gave him until June 15, 2003 to comply.

Ministry inspections of the waste disposal site conducted after June 15, 2003 revealed that Greensides had not complied with several conditions of the order.

Following an investigation conducted by the ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch, charges were laid against Greensides. On November 15, 2005 he was convicted of the following:

- Three counts of failing to comply with an Ontario Court of Justice order—each count for a different condition of the order—contrary to section 186(2) of the *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)*.
- One count of operating a waste disposal site without a C of A, contrary to section 27(1)(b) of the *EPA*.

Greensides was sentenced to 15 days in jail for each of the non-compliance convictions, and was fined \$10,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, for operating the site without a C of A.

Justice of the Peace Tom Norton sentenced Greensides on May 26, 2006 in the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay.

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