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HALIBURTON STONE AND OWNER FINED \$5,000 FOR VIOLATING THE ONTARIO WATER RESOURCES ACT

MINDEN HILLS— Haliburton Stone and its owner have been fined a total of \$5,000, plus a victim fine surcharge (VFS), after pleading guilty to violations under the Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA).

Haliburton Stone is the operating name for 1379207 Ontario Inc. which is owned by John Pilger. The company operated a quarry and construction business at Lot 2, Concession 6, in the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton.

The Court heard that on December 29, 2003, a cottager on Mountain Lake noticed a strong diesel odour. Further investigation indicated that a petroleum product was present on the surface of the lake.

The petroleum product was traced to one of Haliburton Stone's 70-gallon, portable, diesel fuel tanks, located in the quarry, upstream from Mountain Lake. Further investigation revealed that the tank was empty and had no spill containment feature.

Following an investigation by the ministry's Investigation and Enforcement Branch, charges were laid.

On December 30, 2003, the Minden Hills Fire Department and an outside contractor began containing and remediating the spill. The spill cost approximately \$100,000 to clean up.

Haliburton Stone and John Pilger each pleaded guilty to discharging or permitting the discharge of a contaminant which may impair water quality contrary to Section 30(1) of the Ontario Water Resources Act. The company was fined \$3,500 and Pilger was fined \$1,500 plus VFS.

Justice of the Peace Diane L. Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden Hills, Ontario, on March 2, 2006.

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