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WINDSOR UTILITIES COMMISSION AND ENWIN UTILITIES LTD. FINED TOTAL OF \$28,000 FOR ONTARIO WATER RESOURCES ACT VIOLATION

WINDSOR—Windsor Utilities Commission and Enwin Utilities Ltd. have each been fined \$14,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to a violation of the *Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA)*.

Windsor Utilities Commission owns the water treatment and distribution system that serves the City of Windsor and neighbouring communities. Enwin Utilities Ltd. is the laboratory that conducts regular testing and analysis of drinking water samples from the system.

The Court heard that a ministry inspection of the water system conducted in December 2001 revealed that on five dates between July 9 and September 17 of that year, the ministry had not been notified of sample analysis results that had shown levels of free chlorine residual below the required concentration. Free chlorine residuals must meet or exceed the required concentration to ensure that the drinking water is free of bacterial contamination.

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

Windsor Utilities and Enwin Utilities each pleaded guilty to one count of failing to notify the ministry of an adverse water quality result, contrary to section 8 of Regulation 459 under the *OWRA*. Each was fined \$14,000 for the offence.

Justice of the Peace Susan Hoffman sentenced both defendants on Thursday June 22, 2006 in the Ontario Court of Justice in Windsor.

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