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## **GEORGIA-PACIFIC CANADA INC. FINED \$10,000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT VIOLATION**

**ST. CATHARINES**—Georgia-Pacific Canada Inc. has been fined \$10,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to a violation of the *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)*.

Georgia-Pacific Canada Inc. owns and operates a facility in Thorold, Ontario that produces six-ply paperboard gypsum and wallboard sheets. The Court heard that the facility treats its waste water in an outdoor tank before discharging it into Beaver Dams Creek. Ontario Regulation 760/93, made under the *EPA*, stipulates daily process effluent limits for this type of facility, including a limit for Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)—a laboratory measurement of the potential amount of oxygen that would be consumed in the decomposition process of organic material.

The Court was told that Georgia-Pacific reported to the Ministry that on September 20, 2004 its facility had exceeded the BOD daily limit.

Following an investigation by the ministry's Investigations and Enforcement branch, a charge was laid.

Georgia-Pacific was convicted of one count of failing to ensure that the process BOD did not exceed the daily limit, contrary to section 14(1) of Ontario Regulation 760/93 made under the *EPA*. The company was fined \$10,000.

Justice of the Peace Donna Cowan sentenced Georgia-Pacific Canada Inc. on May 25, 2006 in the Ontario Court of Justice in St. Catharines.

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