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## HEALTH CARE FACILITY OWNER FINED \$2,000 FOR VIOLATING THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT

**LINDSAY** — The owner of a health care facility has been fined \$2,000 after pleading guilty to a violation under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

Barbara Trumpauskas-Brown owns The Brown Home for Special Care, located 15 Patrick Street in Kirkfield, Ontario. The facility provides in-patient care services.

As the owner, Trumpauskas-Brown is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the facility's drinking water system, which is governed by Ontario Regulation 170/03, under the SDWA. At that time, Regulation 170 required that water sampling and analysis be performed weekly and noted in a log book.

The Court heard that an inspection conducted by the Ministry of the Environment revealed that Trumpauskas-Brown did not test the facility's drinking water between January 30, 2005 and August 27, 2005. A total of 31 weekly samples were not collected and tested.

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

Trumpauskas-Brown pleaded guilty to failure to ensure that at least one distribution sample is taken every week, contrary to Section 140(3) of the SDWA, and was fined \$2,000, plus a victim fine surcharge. The Court took into account the guilty plea and the previous history of compliance in setting the fine.

Justice of the Peace Brian O. Norton heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay, Ontario, on May 26, 2006

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