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EXCAVATING BUSINESS OWNER FINED \$1,800 FOR ONTARIO WATER RESOURCES ACT VIOLATIONS

L'Original — Jacques Lalande has been fined \$1,800 after pleading guilty to two violations under the Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA).

Lalande operates an excavating business at 2450 Rue Principale in Wendover, Ontario.

The Court heard that between April 1, 2004 and April 5, 2005, Lalande was contracted to construct wells at two new homes in the city of Clarence-Rockland.

Following an investigation by the ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch, it was revealed that Lalande was constructing wells without a valid well contractor licence, and charges were laid

Lalande pleaded guilty to two counts of engaging in the construction of a well without a valid well contractor's licence contrary to Section 39 of the OWRA, and was fined \$900 for each count, for total fines of \$1,800 plus a victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace Claudette Holmes heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in L'Original, Ontario, on May 18, 2006.

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