

## **WEST CARLETON SAND & GRAVEL INC. FINED \$4,000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT VIOLATION**

**OTTAWA**—West Carleton Sand & Gravel Inc. has been fined \$4,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to a violation of the *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)*.

West Carleton Sand & Gravel Inc. owns a hot mix asphalt plant in Ottawa on Rothbourne Road. The company has a Certificate of Approval (C of A) for the operation.

The Court heard that on September 15, 2004, a routine ministry inspection of the asphalt plant revealed that the company had installed a dual fuel burner that burned both natural gas and oil as fuel for the plant. The plant's C of A was based on the use of an oil burner only.

West Carleton was instructed to apply to the ministry for an amendment to its C of A. However, a follow-up inspection conducted by the ministry revealed that the dual fuel burner was still in use, and that the company had not applied for an amendment to its C of A.

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

West Carleton Sand & Gravel pleaded guilty to one count of altering plant equipment in a way that could cause the discharge of a contaminant into the natural environment, without a C of A, contrary to section 9(1)(a) of the EPA. The company was fined \$4,000.

Justice of the Peace Barry J. Moran sentenced the defendants on July 13, 2006 in the Ontario Court of Justice in Ottawa.

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