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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KENORA FINED \$1,500 FOR DRINKING WATER SYSTEM VIOLATION

KENORA—The Corporation of the City of Kenora has been fined \$1,500, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to a violation of the *Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)*.

The Corporation of the City of Kenora owns and operates the drinking water system that serves its approximately 17,000 residents.

The Court heard that a Ministry of the Environment (MOE) inspection revealed that in 2004 the municipality failed to upgrade or replace the system's post-chlorination equipment as was required by a condition of the Certificate of Approval (C of A) issued for the system.

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

The Corporation of the City of Kenora pleaded guilty to one count of operating a municipal drinking water system in contravention of a condition of its C of A, contrary to section 140(5) of the *SDWA*. The City was fined \$1,500 for this offence.

The City did make the necessary upgrade in 2005.

Justice of the Peace Joe Morrison sentenced the Corporation of the City of Kenora on September 7, 2006 in the Ontario Court of Justice Kenora.

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