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CASCO INC. FINED \$60,000 FOR VIOLATING ONTARIO WATER RESOURCES ACT

BROCKVILLE — Casco Inc. has been fined \$60,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to violating the Ontario Water Resources Act.

The Court heard that Casco Inc. which operates a cornstarch products manufacturing facility is authorized, under its Certificate of Approval, to discharge its industrial sewage into the St. Lawrence River. There are monthly discharge concentration limits set for the discharge. The company exceeded its discharge limits in March 2005 and again in March 2006, despite the fact the company indicated it would investigate means to mitigate such further spring discharges.

Casco Inc. was charged following an investigation by the Ministry of the Environment's Investigations and Enforcement Branch.

Casco Inc. pleaded guilty to one count of contravening a condition of its Certificate of Approval by discharging effluent that exceeded a concentration limit, thereby committing an offence under subsection 107(3) of the Ontario Water Resources Act. The company was fined \$60,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, and given 60 days to pay.

Justice of the Peace Richard Sculthorpe heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Brockville, Ontario, and imposed sentence on February 5, 2008.

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