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OPERATORS OF ILLEGAL WASTE TRANSFER SITE FINED A TOTAL OF \$95,000

TORONTO - Western Waste & Recyclers Inc., 1369649 Ontario Ltd. and their operators have been fined a total of \$95,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, for offences related to the illegal operation of a waste transfer site.

Western Waste & Recyclers Inc. has a Certificate of Approval from the ministry that allows for the transport of waste to approved waste disposal facilities. Paolo Rossi is the sole Director of Western Waste & Recyclers Inc. 1369649 Ontario Ltd. operates a site at 29 Taber Road and Michele Rossi is the sole Director of the company.

On August 24, 2004, the ministry received a complaint that the company was dumping waste outdoors at 29 Taber Road in the City of Toronto, resulting in dust, litter and garbage odours. The property is owned by 1369649 Ontario Ltd.

The court heard that on August 30, 2004, Provincial Officers from the ministry conducted an inspection of the property and observed that waste was being deposited, processed, and stored at the rear of the property without approval from the ministry.

On two occasions, the ministry ordered Western Waste & Recyclers Inc. to stop dumping waste and remove all remaining waste from the site. The company did not comply with the orders and waste management operations continued.

Following an investigation conducted by the ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch, Western Waste & Recyclers Inc., 1369649 Ontario Ltd. and their operators, were charged and subsequently convicted on seven counts under sections 40, 27 (1) (b), 186(2) and 186(3) of the *Environmental Protection Act*, related to the illegal use of 29 Taber Road as a waste disposal site, non-compliance with the Provincial Officer's Orders and conditions of Western Waste & Recyclers Inc.'s Certificate of Approval.

The Court also issued an Order requiring Western Waste & Recyclers Inc., 1369649 Ontario Ltd. and their operators to immediately stop dumping waste at the site and remove all remaining waste by June 30, 2007.

Justice of the Peace Kevin V. Madigan fined Western Waste & Recyclers Inc., 1369649 Ontario Ltd. and their operators a total of \$95,000 on May 25, 2007 in the Ontario Court of Justice in Scarborough.

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