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### FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL PENALTY ISSUED IN ONTARIO

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The Ministry of the Environment announced on March 3 that it had issued its first Order requiring payment of an Environmental Penalty (EPs). CGC Inc. (Canadian Gypsum Company) has been ordered to pay a \$9,000.00 penalty for permitting runoff from its Hagersville plant to enter a tributary of the Grand River in September, 2007.

The EP provisions came into force in August, 2007. In previous editions of EnviroNotes (November 2004, March and June 2005, November 2006 and Summer 2007) we reported on the content of the EP provisions and how they will be applied. Initially, EPs will only be used to enforce compliance within MISA regulated industries which discharge directly into the Great Lakes or the watercourses that flow into them. (The CGC facility in Hagersville is regulated by MISA Regulation 561/94.) In the future, it is expected that EPs will be more widely used throughout the Province.

At press time, it is not clear how CGC intends to respond; whether it will try to negotiate a settlement or require a hearing before the Environmental Review Tribunal on the merits. We will provide an update in a future edition of EnviroNotes.

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