

\$3 Million Penalty Imposed for Discharges of About 125 Million Litres of Effluent



Environment and Climate Change Canada investigated multiple incidents resulting in a company's discharge of approximately 125 million litres of effluent into the Columbia River between Nov. 28, 2013, and Feb. 5, 2015. The company pleaded guilty to three violations of the federal *Fisheries Act* and was ordered to pay a \$3 million penalty to the Environmental Damages Fund for fish habitat and fisheries restoration projects in the Kootenay River or Columbia River watersheds. In addition, the company agreed to undertake on-site improvement projects to prevent future incidents that will cost \$50 million to implement [*Teck Metals Ltd.*, Govt. News Release, March 4, 2016].