

BC Mining Giant Hit with Record-High \$60 Million Fisheries Violation Fine



BC coal mining Teck Coal was on the receiving end of the highest fine ever handed out in Canada for a fisheries violation, \$60 million, after pleading guilty to 2 charges of depositing substances deleterious to a fish habitat (calcite and selenium) in violation of the federal *Fisheries Act*. The firm has admitted its wrongdoing and is implementing a quality improvement and calcite deposit plan in the Elk Valley where the offences occurred. In 2017, Teck Coal was fined \$1.425 million for 3 other *Fisheries Act* violations [Teck Coal, March 25, 2021].