

Company Penalized \$210,000 for Federal and BC Environmental Offences



Approximately 350,000 litres of a highly caustic effluent deleterious to fish was discharged into the Columbia River through a company's effluent system. The company didn't report the unlawful discharge to Environment Canada and the Provincial Emergency Program until several days later. The company was convicted of violating the federal *Fisheries Act* and BC *Spill Reporting Regulation* under the *Environmental Management Act*. The court fined it \$10,000 and ordered it to pay \$100,000 to the Environmental Damages Fund and \$100,000 to the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation [Teck Metals Ltd., Govt. News Release, Nov. 6, 2013].