

# Company Penalized \$30,000 for Depositing Mining Effluent into Lake



A company failed to notify an inspector of having deposited effluent into fish-bearing water, namely Luce Lake, without authorization. Specifically, the company failed to comply with a limit on the concentration of total suspended solids in effluent entering water frequented by fish. It also failed to provide a written report to an inspector within 30 days of the unauthorized release. As a result, the company pleaded guilty to violating the *Metal Mining Effluent Regulations* under the *Fisheries Act*. The court fined it \$15,000 and ordered it to pay \$15,000 to the federal Environmental Damages Fund [*The Iron Ore Company of Canada*, Govt. News Release, June 17, 2015].