

# Death of Migratory Birds in Holding Tank Results in \$250,000 in Penalties



Environment Canada found 17 Mallard ducks in an open, above-ground, holding tank that died as a result of their exposure to condensate, a form of petroleum liquid hydrocarbon. There were no deterrence measures in place to limit the migratory birds' access to the tank. The company pleaded guilty to violating *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994*. The court fined it \$5,000 and ordered it to pay \$122,500 to the Environmental Damages Fund and another of \$122,500 to three charities [Progress Energy Canada Ltd., Govt. News Release, May 26, 2015].