

Mining Company Penalized \$185,000 for Depositing Acidic Wash Water into Creek



A mine deposited untreated acidic wash water into Myra Creek. Testing of samples collected by environmental enforcement officers confirmed that the wash water was harmful to fish. The mining company pleaded guilty to two violations of the federal *Fisheries Act* and one violation of the *Metal Mining Effluent Regulations*. The court fined it \$1,000 and ordered it to pay \$184,000 to the Environmental Damages Fund. And as a result of the conviction, the company was added to the Environmental Offenders Registry [Nyrstar Myra Falls, Oct. 26, 2016].