

Mining Company Penalized \$50,000 for Failing to Report Release



An inspection of the Meadowbank Gold Mine revealed seepage from the tailings impoundment area into an area immediately next to a fish-bearing waterbody. The mining company hadn't reported the release to an Environment and Climate Change Canada inspector or to the territorial spill line. The company pleaded guilty to violating the *Fisheries Act* by failing to notify an inspector following the unauthorized deposit of a deleterious substance into water frequented by fish. The court ordered it to pay \$50,000, which will be directed to the federal Environmental Damages Fund [*Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.*, Govt. News Release, May 5, 2017].