

PERC Violations Result in \$36,000 Fine for Dry Cleaner



A dry cleaner pleaded guilty to violating the *Tetrachloroethylene (Use in Dry Cleaning and Reporting Requirements) Regulations* under the federal CEPA, 1999. The charges were the result of an inspection of the business by Environment and Climate Change Canada enforcement officers. It was fined \$36,000 for the improper storage and disposal of tetrachloroethylene, a toxic substance, commonly known as PERC. The court also ordered the company to publish an article in a dry cleaning trade magazine, advising the industry on proper handling of tetrachloroethylene waste [*Texmain Cleaners Ltd.*, Govt. News Release, Feb. 1, 2016].