

# Refinery Penalized \$500,000 for Fisheries Act Violations



An investigation conducted by Environment and Climate Change Canada found that a refinery had, on six occasions, failed to comply with a directive requiring rehabilitation and environmental monitoring work issued after the deposit of a deleterious substance in water frequented by fish. The refinery pleaded guilty to six violations of the *Fisheries Act*. The court fined it \$120,000 and ordered it to pay \$380,000 for the financial benefits it obtained through these violations. The total amount will be deposited in the Environmental Damages Fund [*Valero Energy Inc.' Jean Gaulin Refinery*, Govt. News Release, March 1, 2017].