Site Manager Convicted of Lying to MOE Officials



During inspections of a chemical recycling and waste management plant, the site manager was asked about a large tanker trailer located inside a building. First, he said he didn't know what was inside it. When a test of its content revealed the presence of PCBs above the limit allowed for indoor storage, he told MOE officials he didn't know how the PCBs got into it. He later told an official that the company did know about the PCBs. So the manager was convicted of providing false information to an MOE official. Given his senior position, he should've been aware, or taken steps to ensure that he was made aware, of this situation so he could respond with accuracy to MOE inquiries [R. v. Neilson, [2012] ONCJ 160 (CanLII), March 22, 2012].