

Oil Well Operator Fined \$4,000

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A Calgary company has been fined \$4,000 for failing to meet a reporting requirement under the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act.

Tanner Engineering Ltd. pleaded guilty and was fined for failing to submit an annual report on the status of an oil well it operates in the Town of Lakeshore.

Court heard that the company failed to submit the report by the deadline of February 15, 2016.

Justice of the Peace G. Leonard Obokata heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, London, on November 21, 2016.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry requires the oil and gas industry to comply with a detailed set of rules concerning the operation of their wells. Annual well status reports help the ministry to monitor oil and gas wells to ensure they are not abandoned. Abandoned wells would pose a potential environmental and safety threat.

To report a natural resources violation, call the MNRF TIPS line at 1-877-847-7667 toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).