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Four Firms Fined Over \$100k Each for OH+S Act Violations

May proved to be a high dollar value month for OHS Act fines. Placer Dome (CLA) Limited was fined \$325,000 on May 3 for a contravention of Section 105(6) of the Regulations for Mines and Mining Plants. Bowater Pulp and Paper Canada Inc. was fined \$110,000 on May 13 for a contravention of Section 25(2)(a) of the OH+S Act. Voyageur Panel Limited was fined \$200,000 on May 19 for a contravention of Sections 76(a) and (b) of the Industrial Establishments Regulation. C.H. Heist Limited was fined \$155,000 on May 20 as a "constructor" for contravention of Section 31 of the Construction Projects Regulation, and Sections 23(1)(a) and 23(1)(c) of the OH+S Act. These four fines, together with a number of smaller fines in other cases, will make May 1999 the highest OH+S Act penalty month in Ontario's history, with total fines of about \$1 million.
(Sources: Ministry of Labour, REA research records)

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Announcement

We are pleased to announce that Ray Lawrence, BSc CIH, has joined the firm as a Consultant. Ray has twelve years experience in EHS, including prior consulting experience in the United States and Canada. Most recently, Ray was an Occupational Hygiene Officer with the Prevention Division of the British Columbia Workers' Compensation Board. His addition enhances the depth and breadth of our skills base in general, and enhances our ability to service clients with respect to compliance issues in British Columbia. He will be based at our Ottawa office.

Upcoming Courses

Joint HS Committee Certification:

Kingston June 15 and 16 Kitchener-Waterloo June 17 and 18,
Toronto June 29 and 30 Ottawa July 13 and 14
Toronto July 20 and 21 London July 27 and 28

OHS Competent Person:

Ottawa July 15 and 16

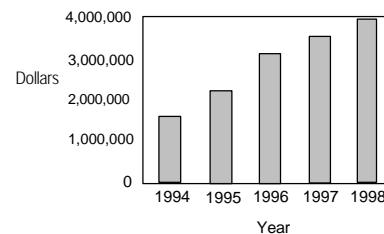
Construction Safety Management:

Ottawa June 22 and 23

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Total annual penalty dollars for OH+S Act contraventions has increased consistently during the past five years. Based on year to date figures, total fines for 1999 should keep with the trend.

Penalties Under the Ontario OH+S Act



(Source: MOL Closed Prosecution Reports, tabulated by REA)

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Congratulations to the American Industrial Hygiene Association on the 1999 Conference and Exposition, Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Canada, June 7, 8 and 9, 1999. We'll be there again next year.