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Province issues enforcement order to Valley Power Corporation

Edmonton... The Alberta government has issued an environmental enforcement order to Valley Power Corporation, for failing to comply with multiple approval conditions, including air emissions monitoring and reporting requirements. Valley Power Corporation owns and operates Thermal Electric Power Generating Plant, a biomass fired power plant in the Town of Drayton Valley.

Under the order, Valley Power Corporation must verify that their environmental management system complies with ISO 14001 requirements (an international environmental management standard). The purpose of the standard is to assist organizations and companies to protect the environment, prevent pollution, and improve environmental performance. The order also directs the company to provide Alberta Environment with all outstanding reports required under its approval.

Enforcement Orders are issued under the authority of Alberta's *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and *Water Act*. The Alberta government issues enforcement orders to remedy a number of environmental problems where the Acts have been contravened, including the failure to meet approval conditions. The orders are designed to ensure immediate action is taken to correct a situation.

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