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## Water management orders issued against three companies

*Edmonton...* The Alberta government has issued water management orders to Shell Canada Limited, Talisman Energy Incorporated, and West Fraser Mills Limited for failure to comply with their *Water Act* approvals.

Between August 26 and 29, 2008, Alberta Environment staff conducted inspections within Yellowhead County where woodlands and oil and gas activities are taking place, to ensure compliance with the standards for construction and operation of watercourse and pipeline crossings over water bodies.

Multiple sites were found to have not been constructed or maintained with adequate sediment and erosion controls, which has resulted or may result in an adverse effect on the aquatic environment. The water management orders require all three companies to develop and implement remediation plans to rectify all adverse effects, and prevent any future adverse effects, from erosion and sedimentary deposits.

Through inspections, education and strict enforcement measures, Alberta Environment ensures individuals and companies adhere to the acts and regulations Alberta has in place to protect human health, safety and the environment.

Water management orders are issued under the authority of Alberta's *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and *Water Act*. The Alberta government can issue 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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