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Enforcement order issued to address removal of two wetlands

Edmonton... The Alberta government has issued an enforcement order against Rocky Mountain Properties Inc. to address the company's removal of two wetlands from an area near MacDonald Lake, east of Balzac.

In March 2008, aerial photos reviewed as part of an Alberta Environment investigation revealed that two wetlands areas had been removed by Rocky Mountain Properties Inc. during the construction of the Wagon Wheel Industrial Park.

Under the enforcement order, Rocky Mountain Properties Inc. must comply with the Provincial Wetlands Restoration/Compensation Program. The program provides the company with several options to meet regulations: recreate the wetland area, take corrective actions to reduce the negative impacts of the removal of the wetlands, provide compensation for their removal, or provide some acceptable combination of all three options.

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

Enforcement orders are issued under the authority of Alberta's *Water Act* and *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*. The Alberta government can issue orders to remedy a number of environmental problems where the acts have been contravened. The orders are designed to ensure immediate action is taken to correct a situation.

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