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## **Enforcement order issued for unauthorized groundwater use**

*Edmonton...* The Government of Alberta has issued an enforcement order against Norman Chiles and his corporations for the unauthorized diversion of groundwater from numerous wells in the Chiles Business Park, north of Red Deer.

Chiles, on behalf of his companies Chiles Development Corporation Ltd. and Chiles Homes Ltd., failed to submit the necessary information to Alberta Environment to obtain a diversion licence under the *Water Act* and diverted groundwater without proper approval.

Under the enforcement order, Chiles must submit an inventory of existing groundwater wells and a comprehensive groundwater evaluation study by July 31.

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*. Orders can be issued 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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