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Enforcement order issued for unauthorized alteration to river bank

Red Deer... The Government of Alberta has issued an enforcement order to Bryce Schacher for constructing a berm along the Little Red Deer River near the Hamlet of Westward Ho, without having the required approval under Alberta's *Water Act*.

In October 2008, Alberta Environment received information from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada about a potential altered river bank. An investigation by Alberta Environment identified a berm of soil and river bed gravel built around Schacher's property without authorization.

Under the order, Schacher must submit an assessment of the berm and the impacts on the river to Alberta Environment, to ensure the berm is not causing an adverse impact to the environment, public safety and/or property. This assessment must be provided to Alberta Environment by August 31, 2011.

Alberta Environment focuses on education, prevention and enforcement to ensure all Albertans continue to enjoy a clean and healthy environment. When individuals or companies fail to comply with our legislation, Alberta Environment has a range of options depending on the offence to ensure compliance with our environmental regulations.

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