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## **Environmental protection order issued to clean up Calgary gas station site**

*Edmonton...* The Government of Alberta has issued an environmental protection order against Gas Plus Inc. for failing to remediate contamination on and off of their property in Calgary.

Alberta Environment has been working with Gas Plus Inc. since May 2010 to address a fuel leak discovered on site. In August, Environment was notified that gasoline vapours were detected in a residential basement adjacent to the Gas Plus Inc. site. The company subsequently reported to Alberta Environment that approximately 7,000 to 9,000 litres of gasoline had been released from Gas Plus Inc. over a period of several months.

In September, Alberta Environment instructed Gas Plus Inc. to take immediate actions to reduce vapours within the affected residence. The company was also required to submit plans to delineate the contamination and remediate the site. To date, Alberta Environment has not received a proper remedial plan nor has Gas Plus Inc. taken adequate or timely steps to address the vapours or identify, delineate, or remediate the release.

Under the order, the owners of the gas station are required to immediately mitigate any identified impacts to adjacent residences, and submit to Alberta Environment plans to delineate and remediate the contamination. Remedial actions are required to be implemented no later than March 4, 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. Environmental protection orders are issued under the authority of Alberta's *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* to ensure immediate action is taken to correct a situation.

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