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Processing plant's operations suspended for environmental violations

Edmonton... The Government of Alberta has issued an Enforcement Order against Agrimax Ltd., which operated a sulphur processing plant in the Municipal District of Rocky View.

The order suspends the company's approval to operate after ongoing contraventions under the province's *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*.

Since 2003, Agrimax has had numerous regulatory issues. As a result, Alberta Environment issued enforcement orders to the company in January 2005 to compel compliance with its approval and *Water Act* licence. Non-compliances included unauthorized releases of industrial wastewater and improper waste storage.

Since Agrimax has not come into compliance with its approval or appropriately managed contamination on site, the latest enforcement order will indefinitely suspend its operations. The order also requires the company to:

- develop and implement upgrades to the sulphur handling facilities at the plant;
- develop and implement a groundwater remediation program and a program for the management of contaminated soil at the plant site;
- upgrade the existing industrial run-off pond and to implement an inspection and maintenance program for the plant;
- complete a third-party assessment of the facility to ensure that any future operation of the plant does not pose a risk to public health or the environment.

The plant cannot resume operations until Agrimax has complied with all of the terms of the order.

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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