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Charges laid against oil sands company for water diversions

Edmonton... Alberta Environment has laid charges against Statoil Canada Ltd. for allegedly contravening parts of its water licence and providing false or misleading information regarding water withdrawals at its in situ facility near Conklin, Alberta.

Statoil is facing charges under the *Water Act*. The charges relate to separate incidents in 2008 through 2009 in which water was improperly diverted from various water bodies for use in plant operations.

The first court appearance is set for April 6 in Edmonton.

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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