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## **Calgary gas station clean-up added to environmental protection order**

*Edmonton...* The Government of Alberta has amended an environmental protection order against Gas Plus Inc. to include the on site removal of contaminated material, a more focused and complete off-site delineation plan, and a comprehensive off-site remediation plan.

The original order was issued to the company on December 3, 2010 for failing to remediate contamination on and off the Calgary gas station site. The amended order directs that the on-site removal of contamination must begin this month, the off site delineation report must be submitted by mid-June, and that the final off-site remediation plan must be submitted by the end of June. All work done under this order must be completed by a third-party environmental professional.

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. About 3,000 litres of gasoline has since been recovered.

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. Please visit [www.environment.alberta.ca](http://www.environment.alberta.ca), and click on "Focus" and "Compliance and Assurance Program" for a list of enforcement, protection, and water management orders.

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