



## Media Release

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*Seal Tech prosecuted for unsafe digging practices*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Toronto, ON, February 11, 2016)** – The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) successfully prosecuted Seal Tech, a Sturgeon Falls company specializing in waterproofing, for excavating without a locate, contrary to the Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems Regulation ([Ontario 210/01](#)).

The Ontario Court of Justice in North Bay accepted a guilty plea from Seal Tech and fined the company \$5,000 plus the mandatory 25% victim fine surcharge for a total penalty of \$6,250.

“These are serious violations of Ontario’s public safety rules that put homeowners and business, as well as excavators, in real danger,” said John Marshall, Director of TSSA’s Fuels Safety Program. “Thankfully no one was hurt, but public safety shouldn’t be left to luck. That’s why Ontario has stringent laws around pipeline safety, including a requirement to obtain a locate before breaking ground,” added Mr. Marshall.

In October 2013, a TSSA inspector received notice of an excavator digging without a locate at 1133 Jane Street in North Bay. Upon further investigation, TSSA determined that the excavation was being conducted by a Seal Tech employee who had not requested locates before digging. Furthermore, the employee had not received training on safe excavation in the vicinity of pipelines.

TSSA reminds the public that any excavation work must comply with Ontario’s safety laws, including obtaining a valid pipeline locate from the license holder or gas utility before breaking ground. Free locates can be obtained from Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255 or visit <http://on1call.com>.

Ontario Regulation 210/01 prohibits interfering with or damaging a pipeline and any damage and/or subsequent release of gas should be immediately reported to the Ministry of Environment’s Spills Action Centre at 1-800-268-6060 or by contacting TSSA toll-free at 1-877-682-8772.

#### *About TSSA*

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is Ontario’s public safety regulator mandated by the Government of Ontario to enforce provincial safety regulations and enhance public safety. Throughout Ontario, TSSA regulates the safety of amusement devices, boilers and pressure vessels, elevating devices, fuels, operating engineers, ski lifts, and upholstered and stuffed articles. Its range of safety services include public education and consumer information, certification, licensing and registration, engineering design review, inspections, investigations, safety management consultation, and enforcement and prosecution activities. The organization’s vision is to be a valued advocate and recognized authority in public safety.

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