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DOMTAR INC. FINED \$87,000 AFTER WORKER INJURED

WAWA, Ont. – Domtar Inc., a Montreal, Quebec company that makes pulp, paper, and wood products at facilities across Canada and the United States, was fined \$87,000 on April 16, 2009, for a violation under the Occupational Health and Safety Act, after a worker was injured.

On March 20, 2007, at the company's facility in White River, an electrician was doing maintenance work on a machine in the plant. While the worker was testing the voltage inside an electrical panel on the machine, an arc flash, or electrical blast, burned the worker's hand and face.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that the worker was not wearing rubber gloves or wearing a shield.

Domtar Inc. pleaded guilty to failing, as an employer, to ensure the worker used protective equipment and procedures adequate for protection against electrical shock and burns.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace Pierre Leclerc. In addition to the fine, the court also imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge on the total, as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

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Court Information at a Glance

Location:	Ontario Court of Justice 40 Broadway Ave. Wawa, Ontario
Judge:	Justice of the Peace Pierre Leclerc
Date of Conviction:	April 16, 2009
Defendants:	Domtar Inc.
Matter:	Occupational Health and Safety
Conviction(s):	Ontario Regulation 851/90, Section 42.1(2)
Crown Counsel:	Shantanu Roy



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