



Burlington Company Fined \$50,000 After Worker Injured by Ruptured Hose

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BURLINGTON, ON - Clyde Union Canada Limited, a company specializing in pump technology and hydraulic design, pleaded guilty and has been fined \$50,000 after a worker was critically injured by a ruptured water hose.

On or about February 5, 2015, a worker was testing a pump at the company's workplace at 4151 North Service Road in Burlington when one of the 24-inch pipe elbows located outside the building froze, preventing the circulation of water in a rubber hose. The system then backfilled until it exceeded its maximum pressure. A six-inch rubber hose in the system ruptured, expelling water which struck the worker with enough force to push the worker about 30 feet across the shop floor. The worker's injuries included fractures and lacerations.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that the company failed to take the reasonable precaution of installing a pressure relief valve in the discharge water lines, contrary to the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

The company was fined \$50,000 in Burlington court by Justice of the Peace Denis Lee on May 17, 2016.

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

Court Information at a Glance

Location:

Provincial Offences Court/Ontario Court of Justice

2021 Plains Road East

Burlington, Ontario

Judge:

Justice of the Peace Denis Lee

Date of Sentencing:

May 17, 2016

Defendant:

Clyde Union Canada Limited

Corporate address:

1 German Street, Suite 1500

Saint John, New Brunswick

Workplace:

4151 North Service Road

Burlington, Ontario

Matter:

Occupational health and safety

Conviction:

Occupational Health and Safety Act

Section 25(2)(h)

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