

SUE SHERBAN: Spill at duck plant this spring prompted mayor to ask for annual check on lagoons.

## Company could be fined again over spill

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lagoons monitored?"

On April 16, the walls of one of five lagoons linked to a sewage treatment system at King Cole Ducks broke, forcing the waste to flow on to Warden and into nearby Bogart Creek. The spill caused a washout of a section of the southbound lane of Warden Avenue, north of Aurora Road. The lane was closed for about six hours, while pumper trucks were used to clean up the mess.

Health officials went door-to-door in the immediate area telling residents of about 60 households not to drink their water. While a boil-water alert was lifted within 72 hours, residents of Newmarket's Bogart Pond townhouse development were told to stay away from the creek for days.

## SIGNIFICANT SPILL

"It was a significant spill," Mr. Steele said at the time. "The manure material went into the ground, area ditches and water courses." Tests of private drinking wells showed not sign of E-coli.

The spill prompted a call from Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Sue Sherban to have lagoons checked for safety at least once a year.

Soon after the spill, the Ministry of the Environment ordered King Cole Ducks to improve its operation. The company was ordered to have a spill contingency plan outlining what actions would be taken in the event of a spill.

As well, the ministry asked for a consultant report outlining an assessment of the integrity of King Cole Ducks' entire sewage system.

King Cole Ducks distributes ducks to restaurants, hotels and food retailers. The largest duck company in Canada, the firm processes about two million birds at the farm each year.

It's not the first time King Cole Ducks has been to court.

In 1989, the company was convicted and fined \$5,500 under Ontario's Water Resources Act for discharging duck manure into a watercourse.

In 1995, King Cole Ducks was fined \$32,000 for discharging raw sewage into a stream and not properly reporting it.

A call to King Cole Ducks for comment on the charges was not returned.

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