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## Fine issued to Kalgoorlie mining company

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has issued a \$25,000 fine to a Kalgoorlie mining company for allegedly causing environmental harm under Section 50B (2) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

The penalty was issued after an investigation was conducted by DEC's Environmental Enforcement Unit and Goldfields Region, which identified that on November 6, 2006, the company allegedly caused a spill of tailings at its facility north of Kalgoorlie.

It is alleged the spill had an adverse impact on vegetation.

The fine is a modified penalty issued under Section 99A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

DEC may issue a fine under this section only when certain statutory conditions have been met.

The company has 28 days in which to pay the fine, otherwise the matter will progress to a prosecution.

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