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Auspine Limited convicted and fined for breach of licence

South East Company Auspine Limited has been convicted and fined \$40,800 in the Environment, Resources and Development Court for contravening an EPA licence condition at their Kalangadoo timber preservation plant.

The maximum penalty for such an offence is \$120,000.

The company pleaded guilty to not installing a roof over a concrete drip pad used for storing timber treated with copper chrome arsenate and creosote.

The roof should have been constructed by 1 September 2004.

During rain events, the drip pad roof would reduce the amount of stormwater that becomes contaminated by excess chemicals being washed from the treated logs.

Her Honour Judge Cole in her remarks said there was no real expression of contrition on behalf of Auspine and there has been little effective action taken to comply with the licence condition.

EPA Chair and Chief Executive Dr Paul Vogel said the judgement sends a significant message to industry and the community that the EPA is acting as a responsible regulator.

"The judgement also serves as a timely reminder to companies of their obligation under the Environment Protection Act to take measures to protect the environment."