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Pawlet gravel company to pay \$19,000 fine for multiple violations

MONTPELIER – A Pawlet gravel company has been fined almost \$19,000 for multiple Clean Water Act and Act 250 violations.

A joint enforcement effort by the Agency of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Board found that Rob Lee Farm, Inc. had expanded its quarry without an Act 250 permit and failed to obtain proper federal and state stormwater permits for construction and winter work.

Rob Lee Farm owns a 300-acre quarry with two excavation areas in Pawlet and Danby.

In the Environmental Court order, Rob Lee Farm must provide \$18,600 worth of gravel to the Poultney-Mettawee Natural Resources Conservation District under Vermont's Clean and Clear Better Backroads Program for projects involving the correction of road-related erosion problems in the Poultney-Mettawee watershed in Pawlet.

In a related case, a co-operator, Jim Sheldon Excavating Excavating, reached a separate \$8,650 settlement last fall for not obtaining an air permit for its stone-crushing plant and violating its Act 250 permit.