

Landfill user giving incorrect information fined

A landfill user was convicted at Fanling Magistrates' Courts today (November 2) for contravening the Waste Disposal (Designated Waste Disposal Facility) Regulation and fined a total of \$4,000. The user had made an incorrect statement and omitted a material particular from a statement to staff of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) while he was disposing of waste at the North East New Territories (NENT) Landfill.

A spokesman for the EPD said that, in a blitz operation at the NENT Landfill this April, EPD staff encountered a landfill user who claimed that the waste he delivered did not contain any construction waste, but a small amount of construction waste was subsequently found in the waste he had disposed of. After completion of an investigation and collection of evidence, the EPD prosecuted the landfill user concerned in accordance with the Waste Disposal (Designated Waste Disposal Facility) Regulation.

The spokesman said that according to the Waste Disposal (Charges for Disposal of Construction Waste) Regulation, construction waste producers, including construction contractors, renovation contractors and premises owners, are required to open a billing account with the EPD and pay the construction waste disposal charge in advance for using government waste disposal facilities. In accordance with the Waste Disposal (Designated Waste Disposal Facility) Regulation, any waste containing construction waste, regardless of quantity, will be treated as construction waste and is subject to be charged. A person who deliberately makes any statement or gives any information that is incorrect commits an offence and is liable to a maximum fine of \$100,000.

The spokesman reminded all members in the construction and transport sectors to strictly comply with the requirements of the relevant law. The EPD will continue to take strict enforcement action to deter any unlawful activities within landfills.