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Canada: Judge Finds Oil Company Guilty in Deaths of 1,600 Ducks

By REUTERS

An Alberta judge found Syncrude [Canada Ltd.](#), the biggest producer in Canada's [oil sands](#), guilty on Friday of charges stemming from the deaths of 1,600 ducks that landed on a toxic tailings pond in northern Alberta in 2008. Syncrude faces a maximum fine of \$769,000 in the case, which heightened international concern about the environmental impact of developing the oil sands, the largest crude-oil source outside the Middle East.