

**North Bay and District Hospital Fined for OHS Anesthetic Gas Leak (June 14, 2007, *The Canadian Press*)**

The Ontario Nurses' Association calls a 25-thousand dollar fine levied today against the North Bay and District Hospital a wake-up call. The Ontario Court of Justice fined the hospital for a malfunctioning and improperly installed piece of anesthetic gas equipment that led to a nitrous oxide leak. The court says the equipment problems had been a long-term issue.

The nurses' association says its members had complained about unsafe equipment and occupational health and safety practices. Linda Haslam-Stroud, the association's president, says the fine sends the hospital a message that this kind of behaviour won't be tolerated.