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**DOH CITES LEEWARD AUTO WRECKERS FOR SOLID
WASTE VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU - The Department of Health (DOH) has filed a complaint and order against Leeward Auto Wreckers, Inc. for allegedly operating without a permit. The violations allegedly occurred at the Leeward Auto Wreckers facility located in Kapolei, Oahu. The DOH has imposed a penalty of \$205,900.

On or about March 30, 1999, the DOH and Leeward Auto Wreckers entered into a consent agreement to insure the implementation of corrective actions regarding operational issues at the facility, including the removal of accumulated tires from an adjacent parcel.

On September 26, 2000, Leeward Auto Wreckers' permit was revoked for failing to comply with the terms of the consent agreement. Between September 26, 2000, and September 30, 2004, Leeward Auto Wreckers allegedly operated an unpermitted solid waste management facility. On December 18, 2003, the DOH sent a Warning Letter to Leeward Auto Wreckers requiring them to cease and desist accepting additional solid waste and close the facility or submit a complete permit application. As of September 30, 2004, the facility failed to meet the requirements set forth in the December 18, 2003 warning letter due to the fact that there were an estimated 40 junk vehicles, 3000 scrap tires and 845 lead acid batteries on the property.

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DOH has cited Leeward Auto Wreckers for operating an unpermitted solid waste management facility. In addition to paying the penalty, Leeward Auto Wreckers has been ordered to comply with State solid waste rules for the cited violations according to a schedule established by the DOH. Leeward Auto Wreckers may request a hearing if it contests the allegations or order.

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