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**DOH CITES ENDO PAINTING FOR VIOLATIONS OF  
HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL PROCESSES**

HILO --The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) has issued a Notice of Violation and Order (NOVO) for alleged violations of the state hazardous waste laws against Endo Painting Services, Inc. Endo Painting Services, Inc., a painting contractor in Hilo, generates hazardous waste thinners and paints as part of its disposal process. DOH found violations at the Endo facility in 2004 and issued a warning letter and required corrective measures.

In May 2006, DOH found similar violations such as unlabeled and open containers of waste paint and solvents; leaking containers -- some of which were also in poor condition; and open containers of waste thinner that were allowed to air dry. Businesses are not allowed to air dry hazardous waste because it is a form of treatment, which requires a permit. DOH imposed a penalty of \$32,000 on Endo, which has 20 days to respond.

The DOH Hazardous Waste Section regulates businesses that generate, transport, treat, store or dispose of hazardous waste. Such standards are intended to prevent pollution of the drinking water supply or waters of the state, prevent air pollution, prevent the spread of disease and the creation of nuisances, protect the public health and safety, conserve natural resources, and preserve and enhance the beauty and quality of the environment.

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