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**DOH CITES WEST COAST TOWING AND  
LEEWARD AUTO WRECKERS**

HONOLULU -- The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) has filed a notice and finding of violation and order against West Coast Towing, Inc. and Leeward Auto Wreckers, Inc./Albert's Towing for operating without a permit and improper disposal of solid waste.

The violations cited against West Coast Towing, Inc. occurred at 74-5223 Queen Ka'ahumanu Hwy., Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i, and involved the operation of an unpermitted solid waste management facility. DOH alleges that the facility accepted and stored waste vehicles, removed fluids (used oil, gasoline, and antifreeze) and parts (batteries and tires), and processed the vehicles by baling them without a required permit. The DOH issued a warning letter to the facility in March 2008. The facility failed to obtain the required permit and continued to operate. The DOH imposed a penalty of \$19,800 and ordered the facility to cease accepting further solid waste, remove all solid waste from the facility, and assess and remediate the site.

The DOH has also filed a notice and finding of violation and order against Leeward Auto Wreckers, Inc./Albert's Towing. The violations occurred at 91-209 Kuhale Street, Kapolei, Hawai'i, and 91-218 Olai Street, Kapolei, Hawai'i, and involved the improper disposal of waste tires and the operation of an unpermitted solid waste management system. The DOH issued a warning letter to the facility in June 2008, but the facility failed to correct the violations. The DOH imposed a penalty of \$19,800 and ordered the facility to cease improperly disposing of tires and to remove all tires from 91-218 Olai Street.

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DOH cites West Coast Towing, Inc., and Leeward Auto Wreckers, Inc.

The penalties take into account the extent of deviation from the law and the potential for harm. West Coast Towing, Inc. and Leeward Auto Wreckers, Inc./Albert's Towing may request a hearing to contest the allegations or order.

The DOH Solid Waste Section regulates standards governing the design, construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of solid waste disposal, recycling, reclamation, and transfer systems. 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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