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**DOH CITES COMPANIES, AGENCIES FOR
AIR POLLUTION PERMIT VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU -- The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) Clean Air Branch has issued Notices of Violations and Orders against the following companies for violations occurring in 2007. The companies cited did not comply with applicable state and federal standards.

1. Syngenta Seeds, Inc. was cited for changing the operation of their fumigant chamber without prior notification and approval from the DOH. Syngenta Seeds is a seed processing facility, located at 7050 Kaumuali'i Highway, Kekaha, Kaua'i. A penalty of \$9,900 was imposed and has been paid.
2. Dekalb Genetics Corporation was cited for changing the operation of their fumigant chamber without prior notification and approval from the DOH. Dekalb Genetics Corporation is a seed processing facility located one mile down Ko Road, near Pump 2, Hanapepe, Kaua'i. A penalty of \$5,900 was imposed and has been paid.
3. Ameron Hawai'i was cited for late submittal of their January to June 2007 semi-annual reports. The stone processing and concrete batch facility is located at 909 Kalaniana'ole Highway (Kapa'a Quarry), Kailua, O'ahu. A penalty of \$2,200 has been imposed. Ameron is allowed 20 days to contest the Notice of Violation and Order, and if they do, the case will be scheduled for a hearing.

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4. City and County of Honolulu, Kane'ohe Pretreatment facility was cited for late submittal of their January to June 2007 semi-annual reports. The City operates a wastewater pretreatment facility located at 45-230 Kulauli Street, Kane'ohe, O'ahu. A penalty of \$2,400 was imposed and has been paid.

5. Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company (HDCC) was cited for not submitting semi-annual reports for two different facilities. HDCC operates stone crushing and portable screening plants at various locations throughout the state. Two penalties of \$2,700 each have been paid.

6. Meadow Gold Dairies, Inc. was cited for late submittal of their January to June 2007 semi-annual reports. The milk processing facility is located at 910 Sheridan Street, O'ahu. A penalty of \$1,900 was imposed and has been paid.

7. Pineridge Farms, Inc. was cited for failing to conduct the 2006 annual source performance test and the annual visible emission test. Pineridge Farms, Inc. operates stone crushing and processing plants at various locations on O'ahu. A penalty of \$4,800 has been imposed and has been paid.

The DOH Clean Air Branch issues air permits to minimize air pollution impact on the public. Through the permit process, the DOH ensures continuing compliance with applicable state and federal emission standards. In general, penalties are assessed on violators and any economic benefit they may have gained from their noncompliance.

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