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**DOH CITES PEARL HARBOR NAVAL SHIPYARD AND HAWAI'I
MARINE CLEANING FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU -- The Department of Health (DOH) has filed a Notice of Violation and Order against Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY) and a subcontractor, Hawai'i Marine Cleaning (HMC) for multiple violations of the state's hazardous waste rules. HMC was hired by BAE Systems to work at PHNSY's Bravo Pier 13. HMC and PHNSY were cited for three counts of storage of hazardous waste without a permit.

On November 30, 2006, DOH conducted a hazardous waste and used oil compliance evaluation inspection at PHNSY. HMC was storing over 5,000 gallons of corrosive hazardous waste in 10 separate tanks on Bravo Pier 13. In addition to being acidic, the rinse waters that were generated from the cleaning of ship boilers and air conditioning units also contained high levels of the heavy metals such as chromium and lead. None of the 10 tanks containing hazardous waste were properly labeled and some had been stored in excess of nine days on the pier. These unlabeled tanks were stored on the pier a few yards from the ocean, with both contractor vehicle traffic and Navy foot traffic passing back and forth nearby.

Co-respondents HMC and PHNSY face a total penalty of \$110,000 for 3 instances of storage of hazardous waste without a permit. In addition to paying the penalties, HMC and PHNSY have been ordered to comply with state hazardous waste rules for the cited violations. The facilities have 20 days to respond to the order. If they contest the order, the case will be set for a hearing.

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