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DOH CITES A PACIFIC ISLAND PROPERTIES FOR SOLID WASTE VIOLATIONS

HONOLULU -- The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) has filed a notice and finding of violation and order against A Pacific Island Properties, LLC for failing to remove thousands of waste tires before they become a health or safety hazard. The violation occurred at a vacant lot (TMK 91031032) located on Hanua Street in Kapolei.

On January 12, 2006, DOH sent a warning letter to A Pacific Island Properties, LLC requiring that tires on their property be removed within 180 days. On August 27, 2007, there were approximately 40,000 waste tires remaining on the property. On August 31, 2007, a warning letter was sent to A Pacific Island Properties, LLC requiring the property owner to properly remove the accumulated tires within 90 days. On March 5, 2008, there were approximately 30,000 waste tires on the property.

Because of concern over the continued storage of the tires, the DOH has ordered A Pacific Island Properties, LLC to properly remove the tires and transport them to a permitted solid waste management facility or out-of-state recycler. The company has 90 days to comply with the final order or may request a hearing to contest the allegations or order. If the company does not request a hearing and does not comply with the order, the case will be referred to the Attorney General's office for further legal action.

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The DOH's 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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