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DOH CITES COMPANIES FOR AIR POLLUTION VIOLATIONS

HONOLULU -- The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) Clean Air Branch has issued Notices of Violations and Orders against Puna Rock Company, Ltd.; Mr. Thomas Taylor; Edwin DeLuz Trucking and Gravel, LLC; and Carbon Diversion, Inc., for air pollution violations.

The DOH Clean Air Branch issues air permits and conducts complaint investigations to minimize air pollution impacts on the public. Through the permit and complaint investigation process, the DOH ensures continuing compliance with applicable state and federal emission standards. In general, penalties are assessed on violators to remove any economic benefit they may have gained from their noncompliance and put them in a worse situation than those who comply with the law. Parties have the right to request a hearing to contest DOH orders.

The following person and companies were cited:

1. Puna Rock Company, Ltd. failed to submit its semi-annual monitoring reports for the January to June 2008 reporting period for the crushing plant located in Keaau, Hawai'i. The violation was discovered on September 19, 2008 during a review of records; a penalty of \$2,600 has been paid for the violation.
2. Mr. Thomas Taylor engaged in open burning of green waste in Kilauea, Kaua'i on April 8, 2008 without an agricultural burning permit from the DOH. The violation was discovered during a complaint investigation by the DOH, and DOH imposed a penalty of \$3,100 for the violation. Negotiations are currently underway to resolve the violation and penalty.

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3. Edwin DeLuz Trucking and Gravel, LLC., at its crushing plant located in Hamakua, Hawai'i, failed to: have an identification tag on the Symons Cone Crusher; maintain a water pressure gauge at the water supply tank; maintain and operate a water spray system and water wagon; and take reasonable precautions to control fugitive dust throughout the facility. The violations were discovered on August 27, 2008 during an annual inspection of the facility. DOH imposed a penalty of \$6,300, and negotiations are currently underway to resolve the violation and penalty.

4. Carbon Diversion Inc., violated DOH permit test burn conditions at Campbell Industrial Park by: burning shredded tires, failing to conduct a source performance test, and conducting a test burn without prior notification to the DOH. The violations were discovered during an inspection on July 2, 2008 of the Flash Carbonization Reactor at 91-209 Kuhela Street, Campbell Industrial Park, O'ahu, and a penalty of \$1,600 has been imposed.

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