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DOH CITES THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND CHEVRON HAWAI'I FOR WATER QUALITY VIOLATIONS

HONOLULU -- The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) Clean Water Branch has issued Notices of Violations and Orders against the City and County of Honolulu and the Chevron Hawai'i Refinery for Hawai'i water quality violations.

The DOH Clean Water Branch protects State waters through outreach, permitting, monitoring, and enforcement programs. The DOH also protects the public and Hawai'i waters by implementing and enforcing Federal and State water quality standards. In general, penalties are assessed on violators to remove any economic benefit they may have gained through the violation of State and Federal water pollution laws. Parties have the right to request a hearing to contest DOH orders.

The following organization and company were cited:

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Facilities Maintenance, for the discharge of approximately 255 truckloads of concrete waste material into Ma'ili'ili Stream between February 2, 2008 and May 9, 2009. The violation was confirmed on June 15, 2009 during an inspection of Ma'ili'ili Stream. DOH seeks restoration of Ma'ili'ili Stream and a penalty to be determined at a later date.

The Chevron Hawai'i Refinery, for the discharge of red-colored effluent of unknown composition from the refinery's foul water treatment plant to the Pacific Ocean between April 24, 2009 and

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April 29, 2009. The violation was discovered on April 27, 2009 during an inspection of the facility and caused warning signs to be posted at nearby coastal areas. A penalty of \$43,500 is being sought for the violation.

The City and Chevron may request separate hearings if they contest DOH's actions. Hearings would be scheduled later.

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