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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR WAIPAHU INCINERATOR CASE

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health and The City and County of Honolulu have agreed to a settlement in the enforcement action involving the Waipahu Incinerator and Ash Landfill case.

On May 30, 2003 the Department of Health filed an administrative Complaint and Order against the City and County of Honolulu for violations of the state's solid and hazardous waste rules. The City was assessed a penalty of \$542,459.00 for the following violations:

1. Improper Disposal of solid waste
2. Operation of an open dump
3. Failure to make a hazardous waste determination
4. Storage of hazardous waste without a permit
5. Disposal of hazardous waste without a permit
6. Operation of an unpermitted solid waste management system.

The Settlement Agreement, signed on December 30, 2004, requires the City to pay to DOH an administrative settlement in the amount of \$425,000. This money is intended to help the DOH to respond to and obtain the cleanup of sites that pose a threat to health and the environment, such as illegal solid and hazardous waste dumpsites. The City must also conduct a

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Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) valued at \$117,000 spread out over a four-year period. The SEP includes in-kind services and assistance from the City for projects designated by DOH.

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