

## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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## HAWAII MEDICAL VITRIFICATION COMPLETES SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

HONOLULU - Asia Pacific Environmental Technology, dba Hawaii Medical Vitrification (HMV), has completed the requirements of a Settlement Agreement between the Department of Health (DOH) and HMV, involving enforcement action at the HMV facility.

HMV has completed agreed upon corrective actions and paid an administrative settlement in the amount of \$15,000. Corrective actions included the treatment or removal of all infectious waste stored at the facility in alleged violation of HMV's permit, and notifying in writing all persons who were presented with a copy of HMV's permit with the statement "Automatically Renewed Annually" typed on it, that the statement was added onto the permit by HMV and that such action was not approved by the Department of Health.

On May 19, 2004, the Department of Health filed an administrative Complaint and Order against HMV for alleged violations of the state's solid waste laws and regulations. The Settlement Agreement was signed October 28, 2004.

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