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DOH CITES HAWAIIAN STEAM FOR SOLID WASTE VIOLATIONS

HONOLULU - The Department of Health (DOH) has filed a complaint and order against Hawaiian Steam, Inc. for solid waste dumping and running an open dump. The alleged violations occurred at Wayne's Dairy in Waianae and Onipaa Ranch in Pearl City with a penalty of \$396,749.

The complaint alleges that on at least 28 separate occasions from July 2003 through April 2004, Hawaiian Steam dumped solid waste, at Wayne's Dairy, located at 86-344 Kuwale Road, Waianae, Hawaii, TMK 86003042, and operated the open dump at this site. During preliminary clean up activities at Wayne's Dairy between August 30, 2004, and November 19, 2004, materials found included lumber, roofing material, PVC pipes, concrete, metal, plastic, plastic buckets, petroleum contaminated soil, and rubber.

It is estimated that the waste disposal area at the Dairy is at least 83 ft. by 120 ft. by 4 ft. deep. Removal of buried waste at the Dairy is ongoing. To date, approximately 142 cubic yards of waste have been removed from the site and disposed of at permitted locations.

In addition, the complaint alleges that Hawaiian Steam dumped and buried solid waste at Onipaa Ranch, located at 2201 Waimano Home Road, Pearl City, Hawaii, TMK 97025001. DOH cited Hawaiian Steam for improperly disposing of solid waste and operating an open dump without a permit. In addition to paying the penalty, Hawaiian Steam has been ordered

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to comply with State solid waste rules for the cited violations according to a schedule established by the DOH. Hawaiian Steam may request a hearing if it contests the allegations or order.

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