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DOH CITES CHEVRON HAWAII REFINERY, INC

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) has filed a complaint and order against Chevron Hawaii Refinery, Inc. (Chevron) for alleged violations of the state's hazardous waste rules. DOH assessed a penalty of \$107,000 against Chevron and has ordered them to comply with state hazardous waste rules for the cited violations. Chevron has twenty days to respond to the order.

DOH cited Chevron for failing to make a hazardous waste determination and for storage of hazardous waste without a permit. DOH alleges that Chevron stored a heat exchanger bundle with K050 on its site for about five years without determining that it had hazardous waste and without a permit. The heat exchanger bundle was encrusted with sludge consisting of K050, an EPA listed hazardous waste. K050 is a specific refinery waste that contains heavy metals such as chromium. DOH further alleges that Chevron failed to properly wash and remove the hazardous waste sludge from the bundle before sending it to another company to be recycled.

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