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**DOH CITES TESORO FOR UNDERGROUND
STORAGE TANK VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) has filed a complaint and order against Tesoro Hawaii Corporation for alleged violations at their facility in Kailua, Oahu. DOH has assessed Tesoro \$24,750 for failure to report a gasoline release within twenty-four hours, confirm the release within seven days, and minimize contamination.

A flexible underground fuel hose ruptured on or about May 3, 2002 and released about 2,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline into the turbine sumps and the surrounding soils. Releases of petroleum product from an underground storage tank can contaminate our ground and our water sources.

The leak set off an on-site alarm, but Tesoro failed to notify DOH until May 13, 2002. DOH inspected the facility on May 14, 2002. Site remediation began on May, 17, 2002 and is still continuing.

State law requires all underground storage tank owners and operators to report releases and spills to the DOH within 24 hours. Tesoro has 20 days to challenge the complaint and order.

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