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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CITES PACIFIC WASTE SERVICES,
INC. AKA GMI FOR PERMIT VIOLATION**

HONOLULU - The Department of Health (DOH) has issued a notice of violation and finding and order against Pacific Waste Services, Inc. aka GMI (PWS) for improperly depositing solid waste and operating a solid waste management facility and and/or transfer station without a valid DOH permit. A penalty of \$93,409.80 has been imposed on PWS.

The DOH alleges that on 77 different occasions between December 2005 and March 2006, PWS deposited municipal solid waste and white goods at 91-229 Komohana Street, Kapolei where there is no DOH-approved solid waste management system. During the same period, PWS allegedly operated a solid waste management and/or transfer station without a valid DOH solid waste management permit.

A transfer station is used by persons and route vehicles to deposit solid waste collected off-site into a larger vehicle for transport to a solid waste handling facility. The operation of such transfer stations in Hawaii requires a solid waste management permit.

In addition to paying the penalty, PWS has been ordered to stop all deposits of solid waste as well as the operation of a transfer station and to remove all solid waste accumulated at the site to DOH permitted solid waste handling facilities.

PWS has twenty days to contest the order, and if it does so, the case will be scheduled for hearing.

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