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**DOH CITES ABC USED AUTO PARTS, WALLACE BECK AND
KARLA RUDEL FOR SOLID WASTE VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU — The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) has filed a notice and finding of violation and order against ABC Used Auto Parts, LLC (ABC Auto) for the alleged improper storage and handling of unprocessed or partially processed vehicles. The DOH has also filed notices of violation and orders against Karla Rudel for alleged solid waste dumping and operation of an open dump, and Wallace Beck for alleged operation of a junkyard without a solid waste management permit.

ABC Auto Parts, LLC

On October 3, 2005, DOH found that ABC Auto stacked approximately 800 unprocessed or partially processed vehicles on an unpaved and unlined surface in violation of their Solid Waste Management Permit. The DOH sent ABC Auto a letter on October 19, 2005 warning them to stop stacking unprocessed or partially processed vehicles. Subsequently, on March 29, 2006, DOH found about 1,000 unprocessed or partially processed vehicles stacked on an unlined and unpaved surface at the facility. The violations occurred at the ABC Auto facility at 794-H Lehua Avenue, Pearl City. The DOH imposed a penalty of \$24,240.

In addition, ABC Auto has been ordered to cease and desist stacking unprocessed or partially processed vehicles, cease and desist storing unprocessed or partially processed vehicles on an unpaved or unlined surface, and reduce the number of unprocessed or partially processed vehicles to within permitted limits.

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Wallace Beck

On May 5, 2004, DOH found Wallace Beck operating a junkyard, then sent him a warning letter on May 24, 2004 to stop accepting additional junk vehicles and to remove all solid waste, including junk vehicles. The letter included a solid waste management permit application. Subsequently, on November 17, 2005, DOH found about 130 junk vehicles at the site. To date, the DOH has not received a permit application from Wallace Beck to operate a junkyard at the site. The violations occurred on agricultural Hawaiian Homelands property on Railroad Ave, Hilo, Hawaii. The DOH imposed a penalty of \$19,800.

In addition, Wallace Beck has been ordered to cease and desist accepting junk vehicles, remove and properly dispose of the junk vehicles according to a schedule established by the state, and conduct a site assessment.

Karla Rudel

The DOH alleges that from October 15, 2005, through January 12, 2006, Karla Rudel dumped solid waste and operated an open dump in a lava tube in Kailua-Kona. A DOH inspection on January 12, 2006, revealed an estimated 160 cubic yards of solid waste in the form of lumber, plastic wrapped material, metal, furniture, household waste, full garbage bags, a shower stall, a lawn mower, and plastic 5 gallon buckets, in the lava tube at the site. The waste was partially covered with a layer of green waste. The violations allegedly occurred at 73-4697 A Kaloko Hills Drive, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. The DOH imposed a penalty of \$54,848.

In addition, Karla Rudel has been ordered to remove and properly dispose of the solid waste according to a schedule established by the State.

All entities may request a hearing to contest the allegations or order.

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