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DOH CITES THE COUNTY OF MAUI FOR WATER POLLUTION **VIOLATIONS AT MOLOKA'I, LANA'I & HANA LANDFILLS**

HONOLULU - The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) Clean Water Branch has issued Notice of Violations and Orders against the County of Maui for storm water permit and other violations at the Hana Sanitary Landfill, Lana'i Sanitary Landfill, and Moloka'i Integrated Solid Waste Facility. DOH has cited the County for the failure to maintain drainage swales, detention basins, and secondary containments, which allowed polluted storm water to be discharged into state waters from the Moloka'i and Lana'i facilities in 2006. DOH also cited the county for failing to maintain secondary adequate containment for oil, and failing to sample and analyze storm water at all three facilities as required by the permits.

The County of Maui has National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits to keep discharges from its facilities from adversely affecting receiving waters. The county is not authorized to discharge polluted storm water from the solid waste facilities to state waters.

The DOH has imposed penalties of \$12,700 for the Hana Sanitary landfill, \$17,600 for the Lana'i Sanitary Landfill, and \$32,000 for the Moloka'i Integrated Solid Waste Facility against the County of Maui. The County of Maui has 20 days to contest the order, and if it does, the matter will be set for hearing.

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