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**DOH CONDUCTS SAFE REMOVAL OF CYLINDERS DAMAGED IN
WAIU CENTER FIRE**

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) working with the Honolulu Fire and Police Departments and Zen Properties Inc. will be removing 11 cylinders damaged during the fire at the Waiu Center located at 98-450 Kamehameha Highway in Pearl City. The cylinders will be vented in place on Monday, June 4 from 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, June 5 from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. to prepare them for removal and proper disposal.

The cylinders do not present an immediate danger to the public, but must be removed from the property for the fire department to complete its investigation. The cylinders contain carbon monoxide, a flammable gas, which will be released during the venting operation prior to the safe removal and disposal of the cylinders. During the venting process some of the cylinders may ignite and create a controlled explosion. Residents and businesses in the neighboring areas have been notified and are voluntarily evacuating during the venting operation. The Waiu Center is closed for business and police are securing the area to prevent public access.

The public may call the DOH Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office at 586-4249, Monday and Tuesday from 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for more information.

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