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**DOH CITES LENOX METALS FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU -- The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) has issued a Notice of Violation and Order (NOVO) for alleged violations of the state hazardous waste laws against Lenox Metals LLC.

Lenox Metals LLC collects and recycles scrap cardboard, paper and scrap metal. From January 5, 2005, to November 29, 2005, Lenox was paid a fee for accepting approximately 48,443 pounds of computer monitors from several businesses throughout Hawai'i.

Lenox represented itself as a company that would properly recycle these materials. Proper recycling is important to the environment because computer monitors contain lead, mercury, and other hazardous materials; when sent for disposal, they constitute a hazardous waste.

Lenox disposed of the computer monitors at Waimanalo Gulch Municipal Landfill, which does not have a permit to accept it. Lenox also failed to comply with the manifest and recordkeeping requirements. DOH imposed a penalty of \$30,500 on Lenox and has given the company twenty days to respond to the NOVO. Lenox has requested a hearing .

The Hazardous Waste Program (HWP) is a regulatory program in the Hawai'i State Department of Health that oversees the proper management and handling of hazardous waste in Hawai'i. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency authorizes the HWP to inspect, monitor and enforce

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the business handling and disposal of hazardous waste. HWP works with Hawai`i companies that generate, transport, treat, store, and dispose of hazardous waste. HWP also provides permits, guidance, compliance assistance, and outreach to businesses that clean up contaminated sites.

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