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DOH CITES PACIFIC SHIPYARDS INTERNATIONAL AND PHILIP SERVICES CORPORATION FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE VIOLATIONS

HONOLULU -- The Hawai`i State Department of Health (DOH) has filed Notices of Violation and Orders (NOVO) against Pacific Shipyards International, Inc. and Philip Services Corporation, Hawai`i for alleged violations of the state's hazardous waste rules.

Pacific Shipyards International (PSI) at Pier 41 in Honolulu repairs ships and is a large quantity generator of hazardous waste. DOH assessed a penalty of \$47,500 because PSI could not show proper disposal of two, 2-ton super sacks of hazardous waste sand blast grit contaminated with the heavy metal, cadmium. By law, generators must track their hazardous waste from generation to proper disposal. In addition, as a large quantity generator, Pacific Shipyard stored two 2-ton super sacks of hazardous waste sand blast grit contaminated with lead and hazardous waste paints and solvents beyond the 90-day storage requirement.

DOH has also cited Philip Services Corporation (PSC), located at 91-127 Malakole St., Kapolei, for used oil violations. PSC is an environmental contractor that does off-site tank cleaning and hazardous waste transportation. DOH assessed a penalty of \$22,000 to the company for operating as a used oil transporter/transfer facility without a permit, failure to provide secondary containment for used oil, and failure to label containers with the words "Used Oil."

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In addition to paying the penalties, both facilities have been ordered to comply with state hazardous waste rules for the cited violations. Both Pacific Shipyard and Philip Services have 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 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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