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DOH CITES TRI-L CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND KALAKA NUI, INC. FOR AIR PERMIT VIOLATIONS

HONOLULU -- The Hawai`i State Department of Health (DOH) Clean Air Branch has issued a Notice of Violation and Order against TRI-L Construction, Inc. (TRI-L), Kaunakakai, Molokai, for violating its Covered Source Permit by not conducting the required 2006 annual source performance test for the stone quarrying and processing plant. In addition, TRI-L failed to conduct the 2006 visible emission observations on two diesel engine generators. A penalty of \$2,900 has been imposed on TRI-L. The company has 20 days to contest the order.

The Hawai`i State Department of Health, Clean Air Branch (DOH), has also issued a Notice of Violation and Order against Kalaka Nui, Inc. for violating its Temporary Covered Source Permit by not conducting the required annual source performance test for calendar year 2006. Kalaka Nui, Inc. operates its crushing and screening plants on Oahu. A penalty of \$3,500 has been imposed on Kalaka Nui, Inc. The company has 20 days to contest the order.

Quarrying and stone processing plants have the potential to release dust emissions during all phases of operations, and proximity to existing homes, public areas, or thoroughfares exacerbates potential dust problems. Conducting an annual source performance test ensures continuing compliance with applicable state and federal rules on dust and smoke, and protects the public's right to breathe clean air.

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The DOH Clean Air Branch is responsible for air pollution control in the state and for enforcing the federal and state air pollution control laws and regulations.

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