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**DOH CITES UNITEK SOLVENT SERVICES, INC. FOR  
SOLID WASTE VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU -- The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) has filed a notice and finding of violation and order against Unitek Solvent Services, Inc. (Unitek) for the operation of an unpermitted solid waste management facility. The violations occurred at 91-125 Kaomi Loop in Kapolei on O'ahu.

Unitek's solid waste management permit expired on January 25, 2007. The DOH issued a warning letter to the facility in March 2007, regarding its expired permit. Unitek failed to submit a complete solid waste permit application. In August 2007, there were approximately 25,000 waste tires at the facility. In March 2008, there were approximately 60,000 waste tires at Unitek. The DOH imposed a penalty of \$9,900 and ordered Unitek to take corrective actions to prevent further violations.

The DOH determined the penalty amount in accordance with its draft Administrative and Civil Penalty Policy. The penalty calculation takes into account factors such as the extent of deviation from regulatory requirements and the potential for harm. A permit is required to operate a solid waste management facility. Operating such a facility without a permit is a major deviation from state law. There is a potential for harm to human health and the environment due to the amount and type of solid waste at the facility.

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The DOH, Solid Waste Section, regulates standards governing the design, construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of solid waste disposal, recycling, reclamation, and transfer systems. Such standards are intended to prevent pollution of the drinking water supply or waters of the state, prevent air pollution, prevent the spread of disease and the creation of nuisances, protect the public health and safety, conserve natural resources, and preserve and enhance the beauty and quality of the environment.

Unitek may request a hearing to contest the allegations or order.

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