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**DOH CITES ABE'S AUTO RECYCLERS, INC. FOR  
HAZARDOUS WASTE VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU – The Department of Health (DOH) Solid & Hazardous Waste Branch has filed a Complaint and Order against Abe's Auto Recyclers, Inc. (Abe's) for alleged violations of the state's hazardous waste rules. Abe's was cited for five (5) Counts: (1) Failure to Make a Hazardous Waste Determination; (2) Storage of Hazardous Waste without a Permit; (3) Failure to Properly Manage Hazardous Waste Containers; (4) Failure to Provide Secondary Containment Systems; and (5) Failure to Properly Label Used Oil Containers.

Abe's operates a towing and salvage business in Pearl City. The DOH initially inspected Abe's on or around November 18, 2003 and conducted many site visits afterwards. DOH alleges that Abe's stored hazardous waste solvents for at least 3 years and that Abe's mismanaged and improperly stored numerous 55-gallon drums of used oil and used gas at the site.

Abe's faces a penalty of \$137,750. In addition to paying the penalty, Abe's has been ordered to comply with state hazardous waste rules for the cited violations.

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