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**DOH CITES WESTIN MAUI AND HONOLULU CITY & COUNTY FOR AIR PERMIT VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU -- The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) Clean Air Branch has issued Notices of Violations and Orders against Westin Maui Corporation and the City and County of Honolulu's Kailua and Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment plants for air permit violations.

The DOH Clean Air Branch issues air permits to minimize air pollution impacts on the public. Through the permit process, the DOH ensures continuing compliance with applicable state and federal emission standards. In general, penalties are assessed on violators to remove any economic benefit they may have gained from their noncompliance, and put them in a worse situation than those who comply with the law. Parties have the right to request a hearing to contest DOH orders.

The following companies/organization were cited:

1. Westin Maui Corporation, for late submittal of its semi-annual monitoring reports for the January to June 2008 reporting period for two steam boilers located in Lahaina, Maui. The violation was discovered on August 28, 2008 during a review of records; a penalty of \$2,600 has been imposed for the violation.
  
2. City and County of Honolulu, Kailua Wastewater Treatment Plant for exceeding its permit:
  - a. On November 5, 2008 the hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) reading at the primary odor control unit was 0.35 parts per million (ppm) in exceedence of the permit limit of 0.25 ppm.

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- b. On December 29, 2008 the H<sub>2</sub>S reading at the Calvert scrubber tower was 4.0 ppm in exceedence of the permit limit of 3.0 ppm.
- c. On January 14 and 20, 2009 the H<sub>2</sub>S fence line readings were 49 and 26 ppb, respectively, in exceedence of the permit limit of 25 ppb.

The Kailua Wastewater Treatment Plant processes domestic sewage and is located at 95 Kaneohe Bay Drive, Kailua, O'ahu. The violations were discovered during an inspection and records review. A penalty of \$25,800 has been imposed for the violations.

- 3. City and County of Honolulu, Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant for exceeding its H<sub>2</sub>S fenceline permit limit. On February 16, 2009 the H<sub>2</sub>S fenceline reading was 163 parts per billion (ppb) in exceedence of their permit limit of 25 ppb. The Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant processes domestic sewage and is located at 91-1501 Geiger Road, 'Ewa Beach, O'ahu. The violation was self-reported; a penalty of \$6,600 has been imposed for the violation.

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