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### **Pacific Shipyards International, LLC Cited for Hazardous Waste Violations**

HONOLULU — The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch has filed a Notice of Violation and Order against Pacific Shipyards International, LLC (PSI) for violations of hazardous waste regulations. DOH has cited the company for exceeding the 90 day storage limit of hazardous waste that is awaiting disposal, failing to label the required accumulation start dates for stored hazardous waste containers, and failing to label a hazardous waste drum in a satellite accumulation area.

Facilities that generate large amounts of hazardous waste must dispose of that waste within a 90 day period. If the waste is still in storage at the end of the 90 days, a facility must hold a storage permit in order to be in compliance. Permitted storage facilities have stringent guidelines in place, such as increased frequency of inspections and emergency and contingency plans, to ensure public health and safety. PSI, located at Pier 41 in Honolulu, is not a permitted storage facility and was previously cited for violations in 2007 which were resolved.

DOH discovered the violations during December 2012 inspections of PSI, which performs mechanical and structural repairs and maintenance on ocean vessels. PSI has 20 days to respond to the violation notice and could face a penalty of \$60,000.

The Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch oversees the management of solid waste generated within Hawaii to prevent releases of petroleum, hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment through aggressive enforcement of environmental laws and regulations. The branch promotes pollution prevention and waste minimization activities and the development of partnerships with the community.

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