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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CITES PUNA GEOTHERMAL VENTURE FOR
CLEAN AIR VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU -- The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) Clean Air Branch has issued a Notice and Finding of Violation and Order to Puna Geothermal Venture (PGV) for operational, emission and notification violations relating to the unabated release of hydrogen sulfide on Aug. 7, 2014. The violations were documented and confirmed in excess emissions reports submitted to the department by PGV and during inspections conducted by DOH staff. A penalty of \$23,700 has been assessed for the alleged violations. A copy of the Notice of Violation is posted at <http://health.hawaii.gov/cab/clean-air-branch/notice-and-finding-of-violation-downloads-pdf/> PGV may request a hearing to contest the violation.

The DOH Clean Air Branch monitors air quality and regulates businesses that release pollutants into the air. The Branch reviews and approves air permits, evaluates and enforces state and federal air standards, conducts inspections, and investigates reported incidents related to outdoor air quality. Through the air permit process, the Branch ensures companies comply with state and federal emission standards to minimize air pollution impacts on the public.

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