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**HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CITES SANFORD'S SERVICE CENTER, INC.
FOR SOLID WASTE PERMIT VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU -- The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) has filed a Notice of Violation and Order against Sanford's Service Center, Inc. The violation occurred at its facility located at 13-3820 Pahoehoe-Kalapana Road, Pahoehoe, Hawaii (TMK: 13001007000). The company was cited for operating a solid waste management facility without a state permit.

Since 2004, Sanford's Service Center, Inc. accepted and disposed of more than 8,000 tons of green waste without a solid waste management permit. In 2013, the company also accepted construction and demolition waste at its facility without a permit. The large amount of green waste at the site poses a potential environmental hazard because of the risk of vectors and fire. The company was not cited for violations from Aug. 6-15, 2014 when state solid waste statutes were suspended due to conditions brought about by severe weather from Hurricane Iselle.

Based on an investigation of the site conducted in 2014, DOH imposed a penalty of \$25,000 and ordered the facility to cease accepting solid waste, implement a corrective action plan for accumulated green waste, and remove and properly dispose of all construction and demolition waste. The facility paid the penalty and has submitted a plan to correct the violations.

The Solid Waste Section of the Department of Health 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 public health and safety; conserve natural resources; and preserve and enhance the beauty and quality of the environment.

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