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**HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CITES KEN'S TOWING SERVICE, INC. FOR VEHICLE SALVAGE AND SOLID WASTE INSPECTION VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU -- The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) has filed a Notice of Violation and Order against Ken's Towing Service, Inc. The violations occurred at 55 Kukila Street in Hilo, Hawaii (TMK 2-2-058:027 and 2-2-047:061) and involved the operation of an unpermitted vehicle salvage facility and the obstruction of a DOH inspection.

Ken's Towing Service, Inc. was previously operating under a solid waste management permit that expired in February 2012. DOH conducted an inspection of the facility on Mar. 13, 2013 and found approximately 40 junk vehicles, at least five cubic yards of scrap metal, at least 100 scrap tires, and approximately 3 pallets of shrink wrapped lead acid batteries.

The company submitted a permit application in June 2013, but the department was unable to issue the permit as the facility neglected to finish the permit process and the application remains incomplete. On Oct. 20, 2014, DOH attempted an inspection of the facility and was denied entry.

Based on these findings and events, DOH has imposed a penalty of \$7,500, and ordered the facility to remove all solid waste and close the unpermitted salvage operation. Ken's Towing Service, Inc. may request a hearing to contest the allegations or order.

The DOH, Solid Waste Section 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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