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DOH CITES ALOHA PETROLEUM LTD. FOR UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK VIOLATIONS

HONOLULU -- The Hawai'i State Department of Health Underground Storage Tank (UST) Section has issued a Notice of Violation against Aloha Petroleum, Ltd., the registered owner and operator of Island Mini Mart (IMM), a fuel service station located in Kailua-Kona on the island of Hawai'i.

Aloha Petroleum is cited for the following alleged UST violations:

1. Failure to monitor five (5) USTs that routinely contained product at least every 30 days between June 2010 and August 2010.
2. Failure to notify DOH that the USTs were temporarily out of use within 30 days after the change in status. The USTs were placed on temporary out-of-use status between May 17, 2010 and August 18, 2010.
3. Failure to notify DOH that the USTs were put back into service. DOH received notification only on June 23, 2011.

The above violations were noted during a routine inspection conducted by DOH on May 17, 2011, and subsequent review of documents provided by Aloha Petroleum, Ltd.

Hawai'i Administrative Rules Chapter 11-281 requires owners and/or operators of USTs or tank systems to provide a method, or a combination of methods of release detection that can detect a release from any portion of the UST and the connected underground piping that routinely contains product. In addition, to avoid accidental but possibly catastrophic release of regulated substances into the environment, UST or tanks systems must be monitored at least every 30

(more)

days for releases. The regulations also require notification to the Department when there is a change in the UST or tank system's status.

Aloha Petroleum, Ltd. has been assessed a \$32,500 penalty. They may request a hearing to contest the allegations and order.

The DOH regulates underground storage tanks that hold petroleum or hazardous substances by conducting operational compliance inspections from the time the tank is installed. Inspections determine if a tank is being maintained properly to prevent damage to the environment.

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