

DOH SEEKS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HAWAIIAN CEMENT

The Department of Health (DOH) seeks public comment on a proposed Settlement Agreement (SA) with Hawaiian Cement (HC) regarding self-reported exceedances of the Hawaiian Cement Halawa Quarry National Pollutant Discharge Elimination (NPDES) permit pH and Total Suspended Solids effluent limits. The SA resolves the self-reported exceedances which occurred on January 12, 2011, June 3, 2011 and December 13, 2011.

Under the SA now proposed by the DOH and HC, HC is required provide a corrective action plan to the DOH by January 4, 2013 detailing specific corrective actions that are required for NPDES compliance. Further, the DOH is proposing an interim NPDES permit limits for Total Suspended Solids and pH for the duration of the SA.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed SA, should submit their comments in writing no later than 30 calendar days after the date of this notice, either in person or by mail, to:

Clean Water Branch
Environmental Management Division
Department of Health
919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 301
Honolulu, HI 96814-4920

Copies of the proposed SA and other information are available for public inspection, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 7:45 a.m. until 4:15 p.m., at the DOH office address shown. Copies may be bought. The proposed SA is available on the internet at: <http://www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/water/cleanwater/pubntcs/index.html>. For more information or if you have special needs due to disability that will aid you in inspecting and/or commenting on the proposed AOC and related information, please contact Mr. Michael Tsuji, Supervisor of the Enforcement Section, Clean Water Branch, at the above address or (808) 586-4309 (Voice) at least seven (7) calendar days before the comment deadline. For those who use a TTY/TDD, please call through Sprint Relay Hawaii, at 1-711 or 1-877-447-5991.

All comments and requests received on time will be considered.

After DOH considers all timely written comments, it will decide what action to take on the proposed SA.