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COMMUNITY MEETING PROVIDES VENUE TO DISCUSS EPA CLEANUP OF FORMER PESTICIDE MIXING AREA IN KILAUEA, KAUA'I

LIHUE – The public is invited to an informational meeting being presented jointly by the Hawai'i State Department of Health Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (HEER) Office and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to discuss the upcoming cleanup action at the former pesticide mixing area on Aalona Place in Kilauea, Kaua'i. The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2012, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Kilauea School Cafeteria, 2440 Kolo Rd. in Kilauea.

Final planning is underway to remove pesticide impacted soils from two residential yards and to construct a permanent stormwater swale that will isolate contaminated soils identified on an adjacent commercial property. EPA will be conducting the cleanup and remediation of this site, in close coordination with DOH and Kaua'i County. Mobilization to the site will begin Monday, July 30, with excavation activities slated to start Monday, August 6.

DOH and EPA are asking the Kilauea neighborhood for its patience during construction as there will be some noise and traffic. EPA will use traffic control methods to minimize the impact to commuters and maximize the safe transport of materials in and out of the neighborhood. Various construction noises will be heard throughout the neighborhood during removal activities. Heavy equipment operation will occur between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and is expected to last for three weeks beginning August 6. EPA will work with impacted

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Community Meeting Will Discuss EPA Cleanup of Former Pesticide Mixing Area

residents and businesses to minimize the short-term impositions that the mitigation efforts will have on the surrounding community

Meeting Agenda:

- 6:30 p.m. Drop-in information session begins
- 7 p.m. DOH Deputy Director Gary Gill to give a short presentation on the findings of the investigation
- 7:30 p.m. William Duncan of EPA to discuss the Remedial Actions to be taken

The meeting will be conducted in an informal format, with knowledgeable staff available at poster displays to provide the public with information on the history of the site, the planned construction actions, measures being taken to ensure no one is exposed to contaminated soils during excavation, transport and disposal, and to address health questions and concerns that the public may have.

For more information, please refer to the attached fact sheet and/or contact the HEER Office at 586-4249.

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