

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON DRINKING WATER RULES
STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DOCKET NO. R-1-13-SDWB

The Department of Health (DOH) will receive written comments and hold a public hearing on proposed changes to Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 20, (HAR, Chapter 11-20), Rules Relating to Public Water Systems. The topics and general description of the proposed changes are summarized as follows:

1. The Ground Water Rule (GWR) was published in the Federal Register on November 8, 2006. The GWR was subsequently codified in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, primarily Parts 141 and 142. The initial compliance date for affected GWR systems was December 1, 2009. The GWR affects public water systems that are supplied by a groundwater source. Its primary purpose is to improve control of fecal contamination, specifically fecal indicators in drinking water. A total of 124 public water systems, serving approximately 1,450,000 customers on Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Lanai, Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii, must comply with the GWR.
2. The revisions to HAR, Chapter 11-20 are entirely federally mandated.

The public hearing will be held on Oahu on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., 5th floor of 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4920. Persons desiring to speak are asked to submit two (2) copies of their statement before or at the hearing. Written statements will also be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on August 22, 2013, at the Safe Drinking Water Branch (SDWB) Oahu address noted below.

Copies of the proposed rules and documents explaining the proposed changes are available for review Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 7:45 a.m. until 4:15 p.m., at the following locations:

Oahu SDWB, 919 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 308, Honolulu, 96814-4920, phone: 586-4258, contact: Jennifer Nikaido.

Kauai DOH, District Health Office, 3040 Umi St., Lihue, 96766, phone: 241-3323.

Maui DOH, District Health Office, 54 High St., Wailuku, 96793, phone: 984-8234.

Hawaii DOH, District Health Office, 75 Aupuni St. #201, Hilo, 96720, phone: 933-0407, contact: Theresa McGeehan-Takiue.
DOH, District Health Office, Keakealani Building, 79-1020 Haukapila Street, Kealahou, 96750, phone 322-1507.

Internet health.hawaii.gov/sdwb/

The proposed rules will also be mailed at no cost upon request. To obtain copies, download the documents from the website, stated above, call the SDWB at (808) 586-4258, or write to its Oahu address above.

For more information, please contact Ms. Jennifer Nikaido of the SDWB at the above address or at (808) 586-4258. Neighbor Island residents may call SDWB via the following direct toll free numbers:

Kauai: 274-3141 ext. 64258

Maui: 984-2400 ext. 64258

Hawaii Island: 974-4000 ext. 64258

Molokai and Lanai: 1-800-468-4644, ext. 64258

Requests for special needs due to disability or language will be accommodated if such request is made at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled hearing. For those who use a TTY/TDD, please call through Sprint Relay Hawaii, at 1-711 or 1-877-447-5991.

Please notify anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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