

NOTICE OF DRAFT RENEWAL PERMIT FOR THE WEST HAWAII SANITARY LANDFILL

The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) is making available for review, the draft solid waste management renewal permit to the County of Hawaii (County) and Waste Management of Hawaii, Inc. (WMH), for the operation of the West Hawaii Sanitary Landfill. The draft permit will allow the County and WMH to continue landfill operations and includes updated operational and management procedures. The draft permit does not include any changes to the lateral or vertical extent of the landfill.

The draft permit has been prepared under the provisions of Chapter 342H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Title 11, Chapter 58.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules. Federal solid waste regulations, 40 CFR 258, are incorporated into state regulations.

The West Hawaii Sanitary Landfill is an existing landfill located on the Island of Hawaii, at 71-1111 Queen Kaahumanu Highway, Waikoloa, Hawaii. The landfill is limited to 149 acres of a 300-acre site. The permit applicants are the County of Hawaii, Solid Waste Division, 345 Kekuanaoa Street, Suite 41, Hilo, HI 96720 and Waste Management of Hawaii, Inc., 92-460 Farrington Highway, Kapolei, HI 96707.

The landfill accepts municipal solid waste (MSW) from county transfer stations, private collection companies, and residential and commercial self-haulers. MSW is defined as residential and commercial solid waste, non-hazardous industrial solid waste, and construction/demolition debris. The landfill will not accept regulated hazardous or TSCA-regulated polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) wastes, and non-household bulk or non-containerized liquid waste. The landfill has been designed and shall be constructed, maintained, and operated with approved liner systems, leachate collection and control systems, perimeter gas monitoring program, groundwater monitoring program, surface water management system, and other approved operational and monitoring programs.

Interested parties may review the permit application and draft permit at the West Hawaii Civic Center, 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway, Building A, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (808-323-4279); or the DOH, Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch, 919 Ala Moana Blvd, Room 212, Honolulu, Oahu (phone: 808-586-4226). In addition, the application and draft permit are available online at <http://health.hawaii.gov/shwb/solid-waste>.

All written comments should be submitted to the DOH, Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch, Attention: Mr. Steven Chang, 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 212, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96814 (phone: 808-586-4226). The comment period will begin from the October 4, 2015 publication of this Notice of Draft Permit. The DOH will accept written comments until November 5, 2015. The DOH will respond to all comments received, with copies forwarded to the County and WMH. The DOH may revise the draft permit conditions should comments raise significant issues.

Any person may request a public hearing by submitting a written request that explains the party's interest and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. The DOH may hold a public hearing if a hearing would aid in DOH's decision. If a public hearing is warranted, a public notice for the hearing will be published at least thirty days in advance of the hearing.