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## To: All Interested Parties

## Subject: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Site-Specific Best Management Practices (BMPs) Plans Changing Construction Site-Specific BMPs

The Department of Health (DOH), Clean Water Branch (CWB), is providing clarification regarding changes to Site-Specific BMPs <u>during construction</u>. The DOH-CWB requires that updated Site-Specific BMPs Plans and/or Sediment and Erosion Control Plans be maintained onsite and are available upon request.

The DOH-CWB encourages the augmentation or improvement of BMPs which will prevent or mitigate the discharge of pollutants from a site to State waters. As such, <u>if the permittee</u> <u>determines that improvements to BMPs are needed</u>, please implement the improved BMPs <u>immediately</u>.

Site-Specific BMPs plans maintained onsite must accurately reflect the most up-to-date representation of the construction site. The DOH-CWB recognizes that BMPs are constantly evolving and would like to emphasize that the choice and effective use of BMPs are solely the responsibility of the discharger/permittee. The DOH-CWB does not prohibit nor specify BMPs devices for use to prevent water pollution. It is the responsibility of the discharger to apply appropriate BMPs to minimize any potential to discharge pollutants to State waters.

It is the mission of the DOH-CWB to prevent pollution and promote and preserve a clean, healthy and natural environment.

If there are further questions, please contact the DOH-CWB, at (808) 586-4309 or via email to <u>cleanwaterbranch@doh.hawaii.gov</u> for further assistance.