The Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH), Clean Water Branch (CWB) is scheduling a public comment period and holding a virtual public hearing to solicit input from the public and other stakeholders about the intent to review and to update, if necessary, certain areas of state surface water quality standards.

Triennial Review
State surface water quality standards provide the regulatory basis for the management of water quality, and for the prevention, control, and abatement of water pollution in Hawaii. State surface water quality standards are specified at Title 11, Chapter 54 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR 11-54). The HDOH is required to review and to update, if necessary, state surface water quality standards at least once every three years.

The CWB is proposing to review and to update, if necessary, certain areas of state surface water quality standards for the 2022 triennial review. The details of the 2022 triennial review of state surface water quality standards can be accessed online by using this link or they can be obtained by contacting the CWB at 808-586-4309.

Comment Period
The CWB is scheduling a 45-day public comment period from the date of this notice until March 30, 2022. Written comments can be submitted during the public comment period by using this online form, by sending e-mail to CleanWaterBranch@doh.hawaii.gov or by sending postal mail to 2827 Waimano Home Road #225, Pearl City, HI 96782.

All comments must be received no later than 4:30 PM on March 30, 2022.

Public Hearing
The CWB is holding a virtual public hearing at 10 AM (Hawaii Standard Time) on March 30, 2022. Oral comments can be submitted at the virtual public hearing. The CWB is limiting oral comments to three (3) minutes per commenter so that all commenters have an opportunity to present their views. Although not required, the HDOH strongly encourages commenters at the virtual public hearing to also submit oral comments in writing.

Registration is required to join the virtual public hearing on the Zoom Webinar platform. Please use this link to register at the Zoom website. Registrants receive by e-mail a confirmation message with information on how to join the virtual public hearing on the Zoom Webinar platform.

Registration is not required to join the virtual public hearing by phone. Please call 1-669-900-9128 and enter the Webinar ID 989 7923 7252, when prompted.
Personal Assistance
If instructions on how to join the virtual public hearing by using either a computer or a phone are needed, please access or download this online manual.

If more information is needed or any difficulties are encountered, please contact the CWB by e-mail at CleanWaterBranch@doh.hawaii.gov or by phone at 808-586-4309.

If special assistance is required due to disability, please contact Mr. Myron Honda of the CWB, at the above e-mail address or phone number, at least seven (7) days before the virtual public hearing so that arrangements can be made.