

New Updates

Tuesday, September 17, 2013 (as of 4:30 p.m.)

Aerial Assessments

- There is no longer any visible discoloration in Honolulu Harbor.
- Natural attenuation has moved the molasses into Keehi Lagoon, with the greatest concentration of discoloration near the FAA Boat House on the makai end of Lagoon Drive.

Water Samples

- The Department of Health (DOH) Clean Water Branch continued sampling at 15 locations in Honolulu Harbor, Keehi Lagoon, and along Moanalua and Kapalama Streams (see map below).
- Water sampling reveals that dissolved oxygen levels are returning to normal target levels in Honolulu Harbor, but are still at lower than normal levels in Keehi Lagoon.
- Initial sampling results reveal that the more impacted areas in Keehi Lagoon are sections along the makai end of Lagoon Drive and the Suicide Channel.

Fish Collection

- Approximately 26,000 dead fish and other organisms have been collected to date (see graph below).
- The daily count of dead fish and other organisms collected has been decreasing, with 140 collected on Monday and 47 collected today.

Endangered Species

- Currently no endangered species are known to be impacted by the molasses spill.

Posting of Warning Signs

- Warning signs continue to be posted along the Kapalama Canal, Keehi Lagoon, and Lagoon Drive.

Harbor Floor Assessment

- A dive conducted this morning did not reveal any molasses product on the harbor floor around columns under the piers or in a 200 foot range from the location of the spill.

Federal and State Partnerships

- The Incident Command continues to be located at the Clean Islands Council in Sand Island. The organization of all state and federal agencies is a major step toward a single effort to address the issue at hand.
- A Joint Information Center has been established for news media inquiries.