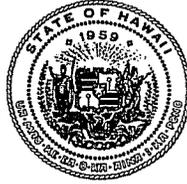


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FROM: Keith E. Kawaoka, D. Env., Program Manager *pk*
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SUBJECT: **Updated HEER Office Technical Guidance Manual (TGM)**

Over the last two years, the HEER Office has undertaken the complete revision of our Technical Guidance Manual (TGM). The TGM provides in-depth guidance on environmental assessment and cleanup under Hawaii Revised Statutes, 128D.

As of today, the first 4 of 21 new TGM sections are available in a new, electronic format for use as "Interim Final" guidance. Additional sections will be posted for immediate use as soon as they are finalized. Once all 21 sections have been posted as "Interim Final," the TGM will be re-issued in "Final" form.

Note that the Interim Final guidance is effective when posted to the TGM website, and supercedes any guidance covering similar topics in the 1997 HEER TGM. The TGM contains recommended technical approaches and procedures, but is considered guidance only, not regulation. Property owners or environmental consultants can propose alternate technical strategies or methods to the HEER Office, as long as they can be demonstrated to adequately address the site investigation and/or site cleanup objectives.

As the HEER TGM revision project proceeds to completion, we will continue to involve interested parties in review and comment on drafts of individual sections (<http://www.hawaiiidoh.org/draft/>), and notify interested parties when sections have been finalized and posted to the HEER TGM website (<http://www.hawaiiidoh.org>).

Please direct questions regarding the on-going TGM revision project to John Peard, Project Manager, in our Hilo HEER Office, (808) 933-9921, john.peard@doh.hawaii.gov.