Hawaii State Initiatives to Address Climate and Health: Environmental Management Division (EMD) Integration of Climate Change, Health, and the Environment



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Integrating Climate and Health at EMD

Efforts Addressing Climate Change

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DOH EMD

Mission Statement: "EMD is responsible for implementing and maintaining statewide programs for controlling air and water pollution, for assuring safe drinking water, and for the proper management of solid and hazardous waste. The division also regulates the state's wastewater." -State of Hawai'i DOH



Image Source: https://haleakalaecotours.com/10-things-never-do-in-Hawai'i/

Air Pollution & Increasing Allergens

Asthma, allergies, cardiovascular and respiratory disease. Impacts of VOG & decreasing trade winds

Extreme Heat

Heat-related illness, death, dehydration, decreased learning, increased violence, occupational hazards

Drought

Water supply impacts, decreased air quality

Environmental Degradation

Climate migration from Pacific Island communities, civil conflict, loss of cultural ties to land, loss of tourism economy

Wild Fires & Wildfire Smoke

Injuries, fatalities, loss of homes, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases. Compounded by impacts of VOG & decreasing trade winds

Mental Health Im Rising Temper Weather Increasing **IMPACTS OF CLIMATE** Extreme AIT BENERO SOLIEF. DOST-traumatic stress disorder, strains of the **CHANGE ON** Stress, , anxiety, depression, More

Degraded Living Conditions & Social Inequities

Exacerbation of social vulnerabilities and determinants of health, economic hardship

Risk of Invasive Vectors

Dengue, chikungunya, Zika, malaria, West Nile Virus

Food System Impacts

Malnutrition, food insecurity, higher prices, foodborne illness, fragile import supply chain

Severe Weather & Floods

Injuries, drowning, loss of homes, indoor fungi and mold, chemical exposure, cesspool overflows

Water Quality Impacts

Harmful algal blooms, campylobacteriosis, cryptosporidiosis, leptospirosis, chemical contamination



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CDC www.cdc.gov/climateandhealth/effects/



OVERVIEW

- 1. Clean Air
- 2. Clean Water
- 3. Surface Water Protection
- 4. Safe Drinking Water
- 5. Solid and Hazardous Waste
- 6. Wastewater
- 7. Moving Forward

CLEAN AIR

Image Source: https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/Hawai'i/

CAB CLIMATE CHANGE (CC) HEALTH CONNECTION

Climate change is caused by an increasing amount of greenhouse gases (GHG) being released into the atmosphere. GHG also directly impact and can compromise human health.

Climate Change impacts related to the air program include:

- Increased air pollutants
- Higher temperatures
- Wildfires



Image Source: https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/Hawai'i/

RELATED PROGRAM AREAS

- Air Pollution Control Permits
- Hawai'i Green House Gases Program
- Clean Diesel Program

PERMITS AND INVENTORIES

Air Pollution Control Permits

- Sources emitting air pollution must report the amount of air pollution emitted by their facility and pay fees based on their emissions
- Used to implement the HGHG Program

GHG Emission Inventories

 Keep track of GHG data in Hawai'i to assess progress in achieving GHG reduction goals, and to assist with planning and decision making



https://www.courthousenews.com/hawaiiresidents-can-defend-their-environmental-rights-incourt/

HAWAI'I GHG PROGRAM

- Implementing state's goals to be 50% below 2005 levels by 2030 and Net-Zero by 2045
- Emissions cap for large existing covered sources producing 100,000 t of CO2 equivalent or more per year
 - Facilities submitted reduction plans by 2015 and GHG emission caps were incorporated into each facility's air permit reducing GHG emissions 16% below 2010 levels
- GHG Annual Fees for all covered sources



Image Source: https://www.enr.com/articles/39946-rejected-Hawai'i-utility-mergerscraps-aging-power-plant-upgrades

CLEAN DIESEL PROGRAM

- Replacement of old engines with new or electric ones that lower emissions
- Diesel Replacement Rebate Program in partnership with Hawai'i State Energy Office
 - 45% rebate to public and private entities replacing old medium and heavy-duty vehicles with electric vehicles and chargers
 - EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grants and money from VW settlement used to reduce diesel emissions, further decreasing air pollution and GHG



Image Source: https://www.Hawai'ibusiness.com/new-fuel-efficient-electric-bus-honolulu-department-of-transportation-oahu-transit-services/

CLEAN WATER

Image Source: https://www.acanela.com/blog/best-beaches-to-visit-in-hawaii

CWB CC HEALTH CONNECTION

Climate change may threaten clean water by increasing the risk of polluted runoff and altering the qualities of water bodies. Climate change related impacts may cause difficulties with clean water permit compliances and scopes of protection.

Climate Change impacts related to the CWB program include:

- Changes in precipitation
- Natural disasters
- Changing temperatures
- Erosion



Image Source: https://www.acanela.com/blog/bestbeaches-to-visit-in-hawaii

PERMITS

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits

- Prohibits discharge of pollutants from point sources into waterways
- Climate change has the potential to degrade the quality of waterbodies and increase and amplify the effects of pollution from point sources
 - This will impact the way permits are issued from CWB and the provisions for allowed discharges

Water Quality Certifications

- Federal standards from Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401
- Conducting of activities discharging pollutants into surrounding water
- Costal erosion may lead to the need for more WQCs as the number of activities zoned as working around water will grow

BEACH MONITORING PROGRAM

- Beach water quality testing to reduce the risk of illness due to usage of coastal waters
- Monitoring for bacteria and issuance of advisories if necessary
- Water Quality Advisory issuance
- Extreme weather events and patterns may cause more pollution to enter waters, degrade water quality, and increase the need for Brown Advisory issuance



CWB's map of Brown Water Advisories https://eha-cloud.doh.hawaii.gov/cwb/#!/viewer

SURFACE WATER PROTECTION

Image Source:https://www.lovebigisland.com/waterfalls/

SWPB CC HEALTH CONNECTION

Climate change can increase the impacts of pollution by potentially releasing chemical and microbial pathogen contaminants in the environment and expanding the geographical spread of pollutants.

Climate Change impacts related to the SWP program include:

- Changes in Precipitation
- Natural disasters
- Erosion



Image Source: https://www.lovebigisland.com/waterfalls/

POLLUTED RUNOFF CONTROL PROGRAM

Using Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 funds, the PRCP distributes grant funding to implement watershed-based plans developed to restore or protect waters impaired or threatened by nonpoint source pollution.



Map of Polluted Runoff Projects in Hawai'i Image Source: https://eha-cloud.doh.Hawai'i.gov/swp/#!/viewer

Watershed Planning and Polluted Runoff Control

- Management strategy and plan to achieve water resource goals for specific watersheds
- Watershed protection prevents NPS pollution from runoff and by filtration

Nonpoint Source Management Plan

- Plan every 5 years that outlines objectives and strategies that reduce and prevent NPS pollution and improve water quality
- CC language in NPSMP and recommended in BMPs for project proposals

NEW/UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program

- Joint program with Office of Planning
- Measures to reduce and prevent NPS pollution and protect coastal waters
- Sea level rise and warming ocean temperatures threaten the health of costal waters and climate change exacerbates pollution problems

Water Pollution Prevention Plan

- Large public landowners must register with DOH and develop a plan outlining BMPs to prevent water pollution
- Targeting known sources of pollution to prevent related problems arising with climate and health



https://www.civilbeat.org/2019/08/toxic-runoff-atissue-as-state-considers-new-permit-for-kaneohe-boatfacility/

SAFE DRINKING VATER

Image Source: https://www.andrewshoemaker.com/photo/jurassic-dimension-kualoa-ranch/

SDWB CC HEALTH CONNECTION

Climate change threatens the quality and quantity of available drinking water sources. Changes in temperature and precipitation can alter the behavior and amount of contaminants entering groundwater.

Climate Change impacts related to the drinking water program include:

- Changing precipitation patterns
- Sea level rise
- Changing Temperatures



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GROUNDWATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

Non-regulatory measures for water quality assessment and pollution prevention

Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program

- Regulatory rules preventing the migration of contaminants from UICs into underground drinking water sources
- Erosion, sea level rise, and groundwater range expansion corrode UIC wells
- Rules will change as drinking water aquifers' volume and variability changes

Source Water Protection Program

- Outlines boundaries of water sources (capture zones) and identifies origins of contaminants for the public water system
- Climate change could alter the boundaries of water sources, exposing them to more contamination and limiting the freshwater lens

RELATED PROGRAM AREAS

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

- Low-interest loans to public water systems to maintain compliance with drinking water standards
- With climate change effects, public water systems may have to work harder to upgrade filtration for chemical contaminants
 - Increased costs of treatment passed on to community members
 - May have to increase water reuse



https://www.soest.hawaii.edu/soestwp/announce/news/hawaiidrought-during-el-nino-winter-not-always-according-to-new-research/

SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE

Image Source: https://www.allhawaiinews.com/2023/07/hawaii-recycling-program-beyond.html

SHWB CC HEALTH CONNECTION

Climate change causes extreme events that may release hazardous substances into the environment and require waste facilities to manage large influxes waste generated. Additionally, waste under anaerobic decay may release GHGs if not controlled and may contribute to climate change.

Climate Change impacts related to the SHW program include:

- Extreme weather events
- Air pollution



Image Source: https://www.allhawaiinews.com/2023/07/hawaiirecycling-program-beyond.html

RELATED PROGRAM AREAS



Image Source: https://www.npr.org/2022/01/ 11/1072346598/hawaii-water-contaminationnavy

Pollution Prevention & Waste Minimization Program

- Reduce hazardous waste generation by utilizing less toxic materials
- Hawaii Green Business Program
- Improved health of workers, lower material expenses and climate impact

Underground Storage Tanks (UST) Program

- UST compliance/inspections, leak release response, prevention
- Erosion and potential for groundwater contamination
- GHG (methane) emitted from leaked fuel that contribute to climate change

WASTEWATER

Image Source: https://www.henselphelps.com/project/waianae-wastewater-treatment-plant-improver

WWB CC HEALTH CONNECTION

Climate change causes extreme weather that can lead to water contamination and threaten treatment facilities. Changing temperatures alter the concentration and behavior of chemicals in water that can stress treatment and resiliency systems.

Climate Change impacts related to the WW program include:

- Sea level rise
- Changing precipitation and natural disasters
- Changing temperatures
- Coastal Erosion



Image Source: https://www.henselphelps.com/project/waianae -wastewater-treatment-plant-improvementsupgrade/

CESSPOOLS

- 83,000 cesspools in Hawai'i and 43,000 currently pose a risk to water resources
 - 50M gallons of untreated sewage per day released into ground
- Problems exacerbate as sea level rises and potentially decrease vertical separation between water table up into contact with sewage
 - Drinking water contamination and spread of diseases
- Legislative Act 125 (2017)
 - Replacement of all cesspools prior to January 1, 2050
 - Cesspool Conversion Working Group evaluated cesspools and assigned Priority levels
 - Tax reimbursement (program expired)



Image Source: https://www.balkandraincleaning.com/septic-tank-cleaning/

RELATED PROGRAM AREAS

Cesspool Conversion Working Group (completed)

• Outlined plans of action for replacing cesspools

Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Program (currently closed)

 Financial assistance to low- and moderate-income property owners to convert Priority Levels 1 and 2 cesspools

Recycled/Reuse Water Program

- Treatment of wastewater for reuse
- Recycled water becomes more important as freshwater and potable water resources decline with climate change

Clean Water State Revolving Fund

 Utilizes Federal funds for lowinterest loans to finance construction of water pollution control projects (e.g., treatment works, landfill liners, reuse water

MOVING FOWARD

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Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Program

Statewide GHG Emission Inventories

DOH Climate Change & Health Conference October 24, 2024 Presented by Department of Health Clean Air Branch



Image Source: <u>https://unsplash.com/photos/aerial-view-of-green-and-brown-</u> mountains-and-lake-fd1cQ3mmBTE

Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Program

Speaker: Marianne Rossio Clean Air Branch Program Manager

> Image Source: https://unsplash.com/photos/brown-rocky-mountain-underblue-sky-during-daytime-iWHFHxnjMP4



Diesel Engines

- Operation Period:
 - 30 + Years
 - Emissions: PM, NOx, CO, SO2, HC Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)
- Human Health Impacts: Asthma, Respiratory Illnesses, Heart and Lung Disease
- Environment Impacts: Ground-level Ozone Climate Change



Image Source: https://key-components.toyotaindustries.com/products/engine/diesel/



Background

- Act 15, SLH 2018 statewide goal to be carbon netnegative by 2045
- Act 238, SLH 2022 includes statewide GHG emissions limit of ≤ 50% 2005 GHG levels by 2030
- Act 226, SLH 2023 state goal of Zero Emissions from all Transportation Modes within Hawaii
- Hawaii Signed Multi-State Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Memorandum of Understanding (2020)
 ✓100% New Vehicle Sales be Zero Emission Vehicles by 2050
 ✓Interim target 30% by 2030





Objectives of DERA Grant

U.S. EPA DERA Grant Funding to the DOH is utilized to:

- Accelerate the Upgrade and Turnover of Legacy Diesel Fleets Targeting Older Diesel Engines
- Remove Older Diesel Vehicles from the Streets
- Support Emission Reduction Goals
- Reduce Harmful Diesel Emissions, Improve Air Quality, Reduce GHGs, Protect Human Health





Previous Projects through DERA Grants



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Diesel Replacement Rebate (DRR) Program

- DOH partnering with the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) and EPA in support of the HSEO DRR Program
- Rebates of up to 45% of Total Cost for the Replacement of Medium- and Heavy-Duty Diesel Vehicles
- Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund
 - Match for DERA Funds to Leverage Additional Federal \$
 - Increased Total Amount Available to the Program:
 - > \$1.7M (2021/2022); \$2M (2023/2024)

Diesel Replacement Rebate (DRR) Program

- Eligible Vehicles/Projects:
 - Public and Private
 - Buses (school, shuttle, tour, etc.)
 - Medium- or Heavy-Duty Trucks
 - Nonroad Vehicles (includes engines, equipment, or vehicles used in agriculture or handling of cargo at ports and airports)
 - Applicant must currently own and operate the existing vehicle and have owned and operated it for the past 2 years
 - Meet Usage Requirements (miles/year or hours/year)
 - 3 years of remaining life
- Replacements:
 - Fully electric with New Zero Emissions Engine
 - Battery Electric or Hydrogen-Powered
 - Resemble the replaced unit in form and function



Diesel Replacement Rebate (DRR) Program

- Replacements (continued):
 - Must operate for minimum of 5 years following deployment
 - Can include one charging unit per vehicle
- Replaced vehicles/engines must be scrapped to ensure emission reductions
- Successful replacements include:
 - 2 School Buses and 3 Tour Buses







Conclusions

- DERA Grant Program and HSEO DRR Program work together in providing our communities a healthier environment and in supporting Hawaii's decarbonization goals
- DOH in the process of applying for the next DERA grant (Project period runs through September 30, 2026)
- Continued partnership with EPA and HSEO in support of modernizing Hawaii's vehicles, supporting Hawaii's climate change goals, and reducing harmful diesel emissions to protect public health



Information & Application

- Hawaii State Energy Office Diesel Replacement Rebate
 (DRR) Program: https://energy.hawaii.gov/what-we-do/financial-assistance-and-grants/diesel-replacement/
- Clean Diesel Program Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA): https://health.hawaii.gov/cab/clean-air-branch/clean-diesel-program-diesel-emissions-reduction-act-dera/

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Image Source:

https://unsplash.com/photos/a-road-surrounded-by-palm-trees-and-mountains-TRAYV5rsA9Y

Statewide GHG Emission Inventories

Speaker: Mike Madsen Clean Air Branch Program Development and Technical Support Staff Supervisor

Image Source: <u>https://unsplash.com/photos/an-aerial-view-of-a-beach-and-a-mountain-6x7d4FnHWZs</u>





Introduction

- The Clean Air Branch is responsible for providing annual statewide GHG emission inventory reports.
- The inventory reports are used to track Hawaii's progress in reducing GHG emissions.
- Hawaii's GHG reduction goals:
 - Statewide GHG limit of 1990 levels on and after 2020 (Act 234, 2007).
 - 2. Statewide carbon net-negative goal by 2045 (Act 15, 2018).
- 3. Statewide GHG level of at least 50% below 2005 levels by 2030 (Act 238, 2022).



Greenhouse Gases

- Mass emissions are determined for the following GHGs:
 - 1. CO₂;
 - 2. CH₄;
 - 3. N₂O;
 - 4. HFCs;
 - 5. PFCs; and
 - 6. SF₆.
- The mass emissions are multiplied by each GHGs associated global warming potential to determine the carbon dioxide equivalent emissions.
- International bunker fuel and biogenic CO₂ emissions are excluded from the totals in accordance with IPCC guidance.



Global Warming Potentials (GWPs)

- Global warming potentials used in recent annual report.
- The GWPs are from the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5).
- GWPs in the report are on a 100-year time horizon.

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	Gas	GWP
	CO ₂	1
	CH ₄	28
2	N ₂ O	265
	HFC-23	12,400
	HFC-32	677
-	HFC-125	3,170
	HFC-134a	1,300
	HFC-143a	4,800
	HFC-152a	138
	HFC-227ea	3,350
	HFC-236fa	8.060
	HFC-4310mee	1,650
	CF ₄	6,630
	C ₂ F ₆	11,100
	C4F10	9,200
	C ₆ F ₁₄	7,910
	SF ₆	23,500

Update GHG Inventories



Prior and Updated Statewide GHG Inventories

Prior CO2e Emissions (MMT) Updated CO2e Emissions (MMT)

Emission Inventory Sectors



Sector	MMT CO ₂ e
Energy	17.5
Stationary Combustion	7.44
Transportation	9.63
IPPU	0.82
AFOLU (source)	1.45
AFOLU (sinks)	-2.39
Waste	0.41
Total Emissions (excluding sinks)	20.18
Net Emissions (including sinks)	17.79
Net Emissions (including sinks, excluding aviation)	12.53



GHG Emissions CAP

- To help meet goal GHG emission cap specified for stationary sources.
- Potential CO₂e emissions threshold of 100,000 tons/year.
- Cap is set at 16% below facility's baseline emission level unless alternate cap is approved if 16% reduction cannot be achieved.
- Use 2010 as baseline or alternate approved baseline emission level for establishing the cap.



* 13.2% + Factor of Safety = 16% Reduction



Statewide Stationary Source GHG Emission Levels

Large Stationary Sources





Image: Honolulu Advertiser

Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-60.1 Subchapter 11

Threshold

Requires reductions from Hawaii's largest "existing" emitters (18) \geq 100, 000 CO₂e tons/year (biogenic and non-biogenic emissions)

Affects electric power producers and refineries

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Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)

- Renewable Goal For All Electricity Generation Across The State.
- The RPS focuses on reducing emissions from the supply of electricity.

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	2010	10%	
	2015	15%	
	2020	30%	
	2030	40%	
	2040	70%	
	2045	100%	



Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (EEPS)



• Sets a target of 4,300 GWh of statewide electricity use reductions by 2030.

- EEPS focuses on reducing the demand for electricity.
- Example promote use of more energy efficient lighting and appliances.



2020 Target Hawaii GHG Emissions – Most Recent Annual Report



2030 and 2045 Targets Hawaii GHG Emissions – Most Recent Annual Report



Statewide GHG Inventories ICF Incorporated, L.L.C.

• Provide three annual reports:

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- 1) First annual report: new 2005, 2018, and 2019 inventory years, updates to previous inventory years, and 2020 to 2045 projections.
- 2) Second annual report: new 2020 and 2021 inventory years, updates to previous inventory years, and updates to 2022 2045 projections.
- 3) Third annual report: new 2022 inventory year, updates to previous inventory years, and updated 2023 2045 projections.



Inventory Status

- The next (third) report is expected to be finalized in March 2025:
 - Prepared Request for Proposals for a third contract to include two inventory reports with:
 - 1) First annual report: new 2023 and 2024 inventory years, updates to 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015-2022 inventories, and projections for years 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, and 2050.
 - 2) Second annual report: new 2025 inventory year, updates to 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015-2024 inventories, and updates to projections for years 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2050.



Conclusions



- Statewide GHG emission inventories will be used to track progress in reducing emissions.
- Electric Power and Transportation source categories in the Energy Sector are a large part of the Statewide GHG emissions.



Information & Application

Clean Air Branch Homepage Greenhouse Gas Program: https://health.hawaii.gov/cab/hawaii-greenhouse-gasprogram/#:~:text=The%20statewide%20GHG%20emission%2 Olimit,and%204.61%20MMT%20CO2%20Eq.

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