

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR HU HONUA BIOENERGY, LLC

October 15, 2018

The State Department of Health (DOH) will hold a public information meeting and public hearing on Hawaii island for the Hu Honua Bioenergy, LLC facility located at 28-283 Sugar Mill Road, Pepeekeo, Island of Hawaii, TMK: (3) 2-8-008:104 and 161.

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Location: 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i
Moanahoku Hall
600 Imiloa Place
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Public Information Meeting

At the public information meeting from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, the Department of Health (DOH) will provide clarification on the pending:

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) application and draft permit to discharge storm water associated with industrial activities from the Hu Honua Bioenergy, LLC facility, to receiving State waters, subject to special conditions
- Application for an Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permit to operate
- Solid waste permit application for the recycling of ash

This public information meeting will be recorded on video. The video will be made available on the DOH, Clean Water Branch Public Notices and Updates website located at: <http://health.hawaii.gov/cwb/clean-water-branch-home-page/public-notices-and-updates/>.

Public Hearing

The DOH will receive verbal and written testimony at a public hearing starting at 1:00 pm on the NPDES application and draft permit to discharge storm water associated with industrial activities from the Hu Honua Bioenergy, LLC facility, to receiving State waters, subject to special conditions, and the pending UIC application for permit to operate.

The Applicant published a DOH Notice of Proposed Water Pollution Control Permit for Hu Honua Bioenergy, LLC; NPDES Permit No. HI S000557; Docket No. HI S000557; on August 30, 2018, in the *Hawaii Tribune Herald*. The Director received a significant number of requests for a public hearing claiming the lack of opportunity for the general public to voice their concerns over the proposed facility.

Persons desiring to speak are asked to submit two (2) copies of their statement before or at the hearing. Verbal testimony may be subject to a time limit if there are more than 50 testifiers. Written statements will be accepted until **5:30 pm on Wednesday, November 14, 2018**, at cleanwaterbranch@doh.hawaii.gov or at P.O. Box 3378, Honolulu, Hawaii 96801-3378.

The proposed NPDES permit for the new discharge will expire five (5) years from the date of issuance.

The project is located at 28-283 Sugar Mill Road, Pepeekeo, Island of Hawaii, TMK: (3) 2-8-008:104 and 161. The facility is a biomass electric power generation facility and is classified under Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code 4911, Electric Services (other electric power generation). Activities performed at this facility include receiving and storing logs; chipping logs; storing and transporting wood chips; burning wood chips and biodiesel fuel to produce steam; electricity generation; distributing electricity; and receiving and staging parts. Administrative offices and parking are also located at the site.

The receiving water, the Pacific Ocean at 19.842801°N latitude, 155.084964°W longitude and 19.843665°N latitude, 155.084645°W longitude, is classified by the DOH as Class A, Marine Waters, Open Coastal. It is the objective of class A waters that their use for recreational purposes and aesthetic enjoyment be protected. Any other use shall be permitted as long as it is compatible with the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and with recreation in and on these waters. These waters shall not act as receiving waters for any discharge which has not received the best degree of treatment or control compatible with the criteria established for this class.

Copies of the proposed NPDES permit and other information are available for public inspection, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 7:45 a.m. until 4:15 p.m., at the DOH Clean Water Branch office located at 2827 Waimano Home Road, #225, Pearl City, HI 96782; the Hawaii District Health Office in Hilo located at 75 Aupuni Street #201, Hilo, HI 96720; and the Hawaii District Health Office in Kona located at 79-1015 Haukapila Street, Kealahou, HI 96750. Copies may be bought. The public notice permit and rationale are also available on the internet at: <http://health.hawaii.gov/cwb/clean-water-branch-home-page/public-notices-and-updates/> and on the WPC Viewer located at: <http://eha-web.doh.hawaii.gov/wpc-viewer/>.

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For more information or if you have special needs due to disability, please contact Mr. Darryl Lum, Supervisor of the Engineering Section, Clean Water Branch, at the address above or at 808-586-4309 (voice), at least seven (7) days before the information meeting and public hearing. For those who use a TTY/TDD, please call through Verizon-Hawaii Telephone Relay Service, at 1-711 or 1-877-447-5991.

Please notify anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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