

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
CHANGES TO HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (HAR), TITLE 11,
CHAPTER 62, ENTITLED "WASTEWATER SYSTEMS"
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE OF HAWAII**

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The Department of Health (DOH) will receive written comments and hold a public hearing on proposed changes to Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapter 11-62, Wastewater Systems.

The proposed revisions to HAR 11-62 include the following:

- Prohibiting the installation of new cesspools and requiring sewer connections or upgrades of existing cesspools to a septic system within 180 days after sale of property;
- Changing definitions in §11-62-01 to clarify the meaning of terms used in the rules and delete terms no longer included;
- Eliminating the "general permit" and clarifying that the Wastewater Branch of DOH issues construction approvals and approvals to use, not permits;
- Increasing from one to five years after the Director approves a wastewater system the period in which a building permit must be issued and wastewater system must be constructed;
- Clarifying when a building modification may trigger a requirement to upgrade a system;
- Consolidating requirements for non-domestic wastewater;
- Streamlining by allowing engineers to submit certification statements for treatment works;
- Requiring new facilities > 100,000 gpd to dewater their sludge;
- Restricting use of seepage pits as soil absorption systems;
- Adding reporting requirements for wastewater treatment works;
- Prohibiting individual wastewater systems (IWSs) for developments with greater than 15 subdivided lots and deleting the exception that allows developments to use individual wastewater systems if they have one dwelling unit per acre or greater;
- Updating graywater system rules to be consistent with State Plumbing Code;
- Requiring that septic tank manholes be brought to grade and secured for better maintenance access;
- Clarifying requirements for operators of aerobic treatment units;
- Add minimum contract requirements for the maintenance of an aerobic treatment unit and its disposal system;
- Add restrictions to prevent the direct discharge of effluent from an aerobic treatment unit to groundwater;

- Deleting the requirement that pumpers submit quarterly reports;
- Revising provisions of field citations;
- Revising spill reporting requirements;
- Revising the flow per capita requirements for restaurants, barber shops and beauty salons;
- Clarifying that the IWS setback is from the shoreline certification, not the vegetation; and
- Revising the Molybdenum pollutant ceiling from 15 mg/kg to 25 mg/kg.

The public hearing will be held on Oahu at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2014**, in the 5th Floor Conference Room of 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu. Video Conference Center Sites will be open from **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2014**, at the following locations:

Kauai	Kauai District Health Office, Conference Room, 3040 Umi Street, Lihue, 96766
Maui	Department of Health, BT Conference Room, 210 Imi Kala Street, Suite 204 (in Millyard), Wailuku, 96793
Hilo	Hawaii District Health Office – Hilo, Conference Room, 1582 Kamehameha Avenue, Hilo, 96720

Persons desiring to speak are asked to submit two (2) copies of their statement before or at the hearing. Written statements will also be accepted until **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2014**, at the Wastewater Branch, Environmental Management Division, State Department of Health, 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 309, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4920.

Copies of the proposed rules and documents explaining the proposed changes are available at the following locations:

Oahu	Wastewater Branch, 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 309, Honolulu, 96814-4920
Kauai	Chief Sanitarian, Department of Health, 3040 Umi Street, Lihue, 96766
Maui	Chief Sanitarian, Department of Health, 54 High Street, Wailuku, 96793
Hilo	Chief Sanitarian, Department of Health, 1582 Kamehameha Avenue, Hilo, 96720
Kona	Chief Sanitarian, Department of Health, 79-1015 Haukapila Street, Kealahou, 96750
Internet	http://health.hawaii.gov/wastewater/home/public_notice/

For more information or if you have special needs due to disability, please contact Mr. Mark Tomomitsu of the Wastewater Branch at the above address or at (808) 586-4294 (voice) at least seven (7) days before the end of the public comment period or prior to the scheduled hearing. For those who use a TTY/TDD, please call through Verizon-Hawaii Telephone Relay Service, at 1-711 or 1-877-447-5991.

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