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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hawai'i Department of Health (HDOH) invites the public to review and comment on the Draft Removal Action Report (Draft RAR) for the cleanup of soil arsenic contamination at the former Hakalau/Pepe'ekeo Sugar pesticide storage/mixing site at Hakalau, located in the Hilo District of the island of Hawai'i (TMKs 03-2-9-02:79,81). You are also invited to attend a public meeting to learn more about the response options proposed and recommended for the site. Comments on the Draft RAR will be accepted at the public meeting as well as during the overall 35-day public comment period.

The former Hakalau/Pepe'ekeo Sugar Plantation pesticide storage/mixing and seed dipping site is an approximately 8.7 acre property currently owned by the Shropshire Group, LLC. Site investigations by HDOH and the owner's environmental consultant have confirmed soil arsenic contamination on parts of the property that will require action to reduce potential exposure hazards. At least four cleanup alternatives were compared and considered, and the response action being proposed is to remove the highly contaminated soils to the West Hawaii landfill and bury additional soils with moderately elevated arsenic levels in an on-site containment cell, capped with asphalt, to eliminate the potential for soil arsenic exposures.

A Draft Removal Action Report (Draft RAR) describes the response options being considered and proposed to handle the soil contamination. Copies of the Draft RAR, a fact sheet, and additional summary information on the site investigation are available for review at the Hilo Public Library (during library hours, ask at the Reference desk), or at the Hawai'i Department of Health, Environmental Health Building, 1582 Kamehameha Avenue in Hilo (8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, weekdays). If you have questions or would like a copy of the site Fact Sheet or Draft RAR mailed or e-mailed to you, please call John Peard at the HDOH Hilo HEER Office (808) 933-9921, or e-mail him with your request at john.peard@doh.hawaii.gov.

A Public Meeting on the Draft RAR for the Hakalau site will be held:

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2013
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Location: Honomu Gym
Address: 28-1641 Govt. Main Rd. (in Honomu, just past the turn-off to Akaka Falls, on the right, and across from the Catholic Church)

The purpose of the public meeting is to inform all interested parties about the response actions considered and proposed for the site, answer questions, and invite the public to provide comments at the meeting or during the public comment period.

Written comments regarding the proposed arsenic cleanup at the site will be accepted from May 15, 2013 through June 20, 2013 and should be mailed or e-mailed to:

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