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**To:** Hawai'i Environmental Consultants and all other Interested Parties

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**Subject:** Invitation to Comment on Preliminary Updates to the Hawai'i Department of Health (HDOH) Hazard Evaluation & Emergency Response Office (HEER Office) Technical Guidance Manual (TGM), Section 3- Site Investigation Design and Implementation, Section 4- Decision Unit/Multi Increment Sampling, and Section 5- Soil and Sediment Sample Collection

**Comment Deadline:** February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

You are invited and encouraged to review and comment on **preliminary updates** to three important and closely related Hawai'i HEER Office TGM sections covering hazardous chemical release (or suspect release) site investigation planning, investigation implementation, sampling strategy, and sample collection methods for soil and sediment. The updates reflect experience gained by HEER staff and input from the consulting community since original publication of the guidance in November, 2008. The updates have been posted for on-line access from the HEER Office website (<http://hawaii.gov/doh/heer>), in the "What's New" section on the homepage.

A summary of the updated subsections is included with the posted documents. The updates include significant additions to text, figures, tables, and examples that we hope will serve to clarify the guidance, enhance understanding, and further assist users to conduct high quality environmental investigation work. Note that the "hyper-links" throughout the pdf documents, highlighted in blue, will be linked up when the Sections are finalized and posted to the TGM.

The updates are in a pdf "comments-enabled" format. This allows you to use the pdf editing tools (e.g. notes, insertions, strikeouts, etc.) of Adobe and other software to add comments directly into the text. The comments can then be submitted to the HEER office by e-mail. We will also accept comments on the updates in other formats, such as separate written notes referencing applicable subsections, or even hand written notes on printed copies.

Consultants are encouraged but not required to refer to the preliminary updates for ongoing or near-future projects during this review period. We look forward to your review, comments, or additional suggestions on these draft updates. Once comments are in and reviewed, we will make final revisions and post the updated Sections to our on-line TGM, ([www.hawaiidoh.org](http://www.hawaiidoh.org)).

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