



Departments of Health and Agriculture
Partnership Initiatives for Joint Agency Pesticide Response Activities
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SUMMARY

Environmental Sampling

- ✓ Hawaii Department of Agriculture (DOA) has a Memorandum of Agreement in place for a \$500K statewide pesticide surface water monitoring project with the United States Geological Survey (USGS).
- ✓ DOA has allocated \$100K for a limited pilot air study. Discussions have begun with experts in pesticide exposure assessment.

Pesticides and Public Health Education and Outreach

- ✓ June 2016 – Honolulu: Joint training program, Advanced Hazmat Life Support (AHLS) course including pesticides was presented by Hawaii Poison Center, Kapiolani Community College EMS program, Louisiana Poison Center to 40 physicians and EMS personnel statewide.
- ✓ August 2016 - Kauai: the Department of Health (DOH) arranged an in-person follow up meeting with physicians on Kauai to resolve alleged birth defects claims noted in JFF report.
- ✓ November 2016 - Kauai: EPA Migrant Clinicians Network will train healthcare professionals at 2 hospitals on Kauai.
- ✓ March 2017 - Honolulu: Children’s Environmental Health Symposium co-sponsored by the Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU), UCSF, John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) and DOH.
- ✓ 2016: DOA is re-instituting funding of the *Pesticide Poisoning Prevention Services for Households* outreach program to provide community pesticide education (\$50,000/year).

Coordinated Interagency Response to Significant Pesticide Incidents – Emergency Response, Pesticide Enforcement and Medical Response

- ✓ A Joint Pesticide Incident Tabletop Exercise including medical aspects is planned using the Hawaii State Emergency Response Commission
- ✓ All island DOH EMS/Physician Hazardous Chemicals Training for pesticides and odors

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