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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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WASTEWATER OVERFLOW FRONTING QUEEN'S HOSPITAL

(Friday, October 2, 2009) – The City's Department of Environmental Services responded this evening to a wastewater overflow fronting the Queen's Hospital.

Rags blocked an 8-inch vitrified clay pipe sending 1,500 gallons of untreated wastewater out a manhole at 550 South Beretania Street, right in front of the hospital. Approximately 1,450 gallons made its way to a storm drain at the intersection of South Beretania and Lauhala streets, which leads to Honolulu Harbor. The call came in at 5:00 p.m. ENV arrived at the site at 5:50 p.m. and secured the overflow at 6:15 p.m.

The state Department of Health was notified. ENV crews cleaned, disinfected and deodorized the area surrounding the overflow and will begin signing and sampling in the morning.

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