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DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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WAIPAHU PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN BREAK DETECTED

(Thursday, July 22, 2010) – The city’s Department of Environmental Services responded today to a force main break at the Waipahu Wastewater Pump Station.

The call came in at 11:00 a.m., an ENV crew arrived at 11:30 a.m. and secured the site at 1:30 p.m.

The 42-inch force main percolated approximately 15,000 gallons of untreated wastewater up from the ground near the fence line at the 14th hole of the Ted Makalena Golf Course. Vactor trucks recovered 12,000 gallons with the remaining 3,000 dissipating into the ground. Some of the wastewater made its way under the fence line and was contained before reaching the Pearl Harbor Bike Path footbridge. No wastewater reached receiving water.

The force main has been secured and the spill stopped. A contractor will be dispatched on Monday to repair the pipe.

ENV cleaned, disinfected and deodorized the area and notified the state Department of Health. The area has been roped off and warning signs have been posted.

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