

NEWS RELEASE



DEPARTMENT OF
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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WET WEATHER CAUSES TWO OVERFLOWS

(Sun., June 5, 2011) – The City’s Department of Environmental Services responded overnight and early this morning to two sanitary sewer overflows in Kaneohe.

ENV received a call at 9:50 p.m. regarding homes backing up at 44-243 and 44-247 Mikiola Drive. Heavy rains and stormwater inundated the collection system causing two private cleanouts to release approximately 1,400 gallons of untreated wastewater into a storm drain that leads to Kaneohe Bay.

Also, wet weather overwhelmed and caused manholes at Kaneohe Pretreatment Facility to discharge an estimated 30,000 gallons of untreated wastewater between 10:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. into Kawa Stream, which leads to Kaneohe Bay.

ENV notified the state Department of Health. The affected areas have been cleaned, disinfected and deodorized. Signing and water sampling is underway.

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