

The City & County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services employs nearly 900 men and women in job-related fields covering environmental quality, treatment & disposal, collection system maintenance, refuse and administration.

PATRIOTIC INSPIRATION THROUGHOUT HISTORY

"You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism."

~Erma Bombeck

"Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die."

~Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Many politicians are in the habit of laying it down as a self-evident proposition that no people ought to be free till they are fit to use their freedom. The maxim is worthy of the fool in the old story who resolved not to go into the water till he had learned to swim."

~Thomas Macaulay



ENV MISSION STATEMENT

"THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES IS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT BY PROVIDING EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF WASTEWATER, STORMWATER AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU."

ENV is serious about its responsibility to lay the best plans for the future, while working within fiscal constraints of the present to educate the public on measures protecting the public health and the environment.



REFUSE WORKER TABBED AS CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU 2010 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

A “do good, feel good” philosophy elevated an ENV employee as the top pick in the 2010 City and County of Honolulu Employee of the Year ceremony May 5, 2011, at Mission Memorial Auditorium.

Lindsey Todd, a crew leader and driver at the Honolulu Refuse Yard, garnered the top selection from a pool of 20 other City department employees of the year. Both Todd and Lisa Kimura, an engineer in OAS, were co-ENV Employees of the Year making them eligible for the top City award.

“We commend these individuals for managing their program areas with tremendous diligence and dedication,” City Managing Director Douglas Chin said. “Each of them has earned this special recognition for delivering visible results that affected many employees and the public.”

The 57-year-old, who has been with the City’s refuse division since 1977, said that providing good service and seeing people satisfied is very rewarding.

“When I am a part of something good and see the satisfaction on the faces of the people we’re serving, I feel good,” Todd said.

Todd has built a trusted relationship with the residents and businesses on his route. He and his two refuse collection helpers handle Route 38, which is manually collected starting at 4 a.m. along the main thoroughfares of King, Dillingham, Beretania, Kinau and School roadways.

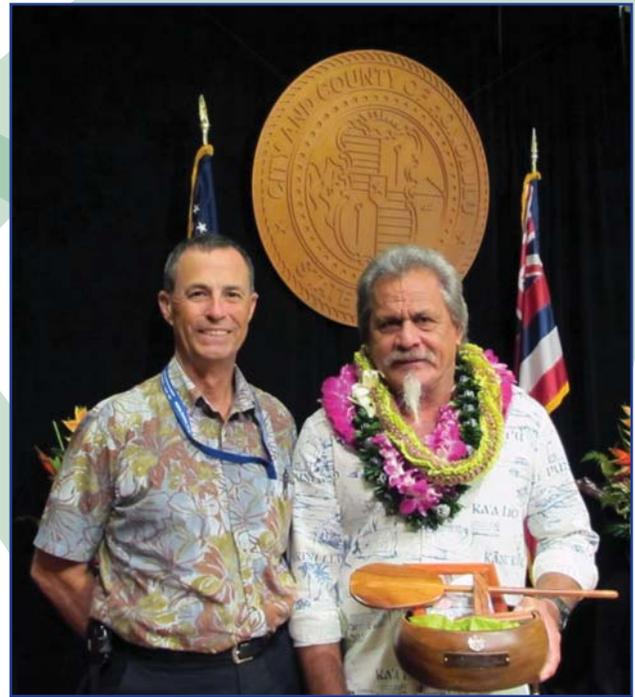
David Shiraishi, ENV Refuse Collection Administrator, tabs Todd as a model City employee who goes above and beyond the normal requirements to provide outstanding service to everyone on his route.

“He really helps us get the work done on a daily basis,” Shiraishi said. “Furthermore, he volunteers for numerous community clean-up projects that improve the environment.”

James Quinones, the superintendent at the Honolulu Yard, says he is “dependable, reliable and willing to take on extra assignments like bulky item collection” when they need an extra person to fill a 3-man crew.

Safety is one of the toughest aspects of his job when driving the early morning route, but you wouldn’t know it by his six-year Safe Driver Award.

“At that time of the morning, we start in the dark and many times finish in the dark,” Todd stated. “Not



ENV Director Tim Steinberger (l) and Lindsey Todd (r) strike a pose following the announcement at the City's Employee of the Year ceremony.

only is the safety of my crew first and foremost, but I also have to be weary of traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists – most of the time they are not wearing reflective clothing.”

Todd, who has worked for the refuse division for 34 years, has an exemplary attendance record posting perfect attendance for the past three years, which is important for residential refuse collection.

Todd grew up in the Kapahulu area and attended Waikiki Elementary School before eventually graduating from Kalani High in 1973. He is very fond of his mother, Florence, and son, Kainoa, while receiving great support from his significant other, Rena Sanborn.

Todd is an avid fisherman and paddler. He places the City recognition right up there with his trophies won in 1979 and 1999 at the Molokai Hoi with his club, Hui Lanakila.

He is the first Refuse Division employee to receive this award since Adolph Samuel in 1974, who was preceded by Roy Akau in 1971.

ENV RECIPE CORNER



ENV News

PEACHOCOATMEAL COOKIES

*Submitted by Markus Owens,
ENV PIO*

INGREDIENTS

3/4 Cup all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. baking soda
Pinch salt
1 stick butter, softened
1/4 Cup light brown sugar
1/4 Cup dark brown sugar
1/4 Cup granulated sugar
1 large egg
1 1/2 Cups rolled oats
1/2 Cup chopped dried peaches
1/2 Cup chopped walnuts
1/2 Cup chocolate chips



Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees with the racks in the upper and lower thirds of the oven.

In a small bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda and salt. In a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy.

Slowly add egg and continue mixing. Slowly add flour mixture, oats, peaches, walnuts and white chocolate chips. Mix until combined.

Line 2 sheet trays with parchment. With wet hands make 20 balls from the dough placing evenly among sheet trays. Press down on cookie dough with palm of your hand to make a flat circle.

Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden and still a bit tender in the center. Remove from oven and let sit on sheet trays 1 minute. Remove to cooling racks to cool completely.

CHOCOLATE GOOEY BUTTER COOKIES

*Submitted by Markus Owens,
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INGREDIENTS

1 (8-oz.) cream cheese
1 stick butter, softened
1 large egg
1 tsp. vanilla extract
Confectioner's sugar, dusting
1 (18-oz.) box moist chocolate cake mix



Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl with an electric mixer, cream the cream cheese and butter until smooth. Beat in the egg. Then beat in the vanilla extract. Beat in the cake mix. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours to firm up so that you can roll the batter into balls. Roll the chilled batter into tablespoon sized balls and then roll them in confectioner's sugar. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet, 2 inches apart. Bake 12 minutes.

The cookies will remain soft and "gooey." Cool completely and sprinkle with more confectioners' sugar, if desired.

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WANTED THREE BEST FILIPINO RECIPES



H-POWER EXPANSION UPDATE

The H-POWER Expansion Project, which is adding a third boiler and other improvements to the City-owned waste-to-energy facility, is more than halfway through construction.

In May 1990, the City and County of Honolulu placed into service the Honolulu Program Of Waste to Energy Recovery or H-POWER. For the past 20 years, H-POWER reliably met the City's municipal solid waste disposal needs and provided an economic return to the City. Currently, generates sufficient electrical energy to power 50,000 homes.

During those 20 years, Oahu's population has substantially increased, our dependency on foreign oil has grown, and residents have become more sensitive to the environment.

In response, the City implemented a number of initiatives: instituting curb-side recycling; completing a complex financial transaction wherein favorable tax treatment markedly improved the financial return of the City's initial investment in H-POWER; reinvesting in the existing facility including a refurbishment plan that will ensure reliable and continuing successful performance for the next 20 years; and expanding the facility in line with both the population growth and the types of waste handled allowing the City to divert 90 percent of all municipal solid waste from the landfill through the combination of recycling and energy recovery.

The City has accomplished a number of noteworthy achievements:

- Curbside recycling is now island-wide,
- Existing H-POWER debt is nearly paid off,
- After a very favorable 17-year sale leaseback period, the City reacquired H-POWER at a fully depreciated value,



A look from above at the overall expansion and construction work completed to date.

- The aging boilers are being rebuilt, re-establishing their service life,
- At H-POWER, a \$50 million capital improvement project was recently completed employing the most achievable air pollution control technology enhancing the health and safety of our residents and workers,
- In late 2009, the City negotiated a \$300 million contract to expand H-POWER,
- Also, in late 2009, the City renegotiated its contract with Covanta Honolulu Resource Recovery Venture to operate H-POWER facility for an additional 23 years,
- Covanta, and their environmental consultant, AMEC of Honolulu, completed all permit requirements and entered into a construction contract with Parsons RCI, a Honolulu based general contractor;
- Construction commenced in early 2010.

A work force of nearly 400 skilled local area craftsmen has been busy achieving these noteworthy accomplishments. However, much remains to be done. Over the coming year, the City and their contractors expect to complete all mechanical work, including the boiler and steam turbine generator, along with miles of interconnecting piping, tubing, ductwork, and electrical cables that comprise a modern waste-to-energy fueled power plant.

When complete in mid-2012, H-POWER will be capable of powering 75,000 Oahu homes, contributing eight percent of Oahu's power using a renewable source, and diverting nearly 90 percent of our non-recyclable household opala from the landfill.



ALOHA ENV EMPLOYEES!

NEW HIRES

<i>Div.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>
CSM	Christiana Astarita	Eng. Support Tech I
WTD	James Carreira	Asst. WWTP Operator
WTD	Ronald Davis	Electronics Technician
REF	Robert Lacuesta	Plant Elec./Elec. Equip. Optr.
EQ	Ian Lorenzo	WW Service Investigator
WTD	Michael Mason	Electronics Technician
CSM	Kapono Paekukui	Asst. Storekeeper
WTD	Kaiulani Pletsch	Asst. WWTP Operator

IN-HOUSE PROMOTIONS

<i>Div.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>
CSM	Rodrigo Agustin	WW Coll. System Repairer
WTD	Michael Armstrong	Asst. WWTP Operator
EQ	Amy Fujihara	Civil Engineer II
CSM	Anthony Gaballo	WW Coll. System Repairer
CSM	Patrick Himalaya	WW Coll. System Repairer
CSM	Kelly Kamisato	WW Coll. System Repairer
WTD	Anderson Keaumui	Lead WWTP Main. Mechanic
WTD	Barrett Kekahuna	Electronics Tech
CSM	Lindbergh Lau	WW Coll. System Repairer
WTD	Michael Losby	Asst. WWTP Operator
CSM	Jeffery McDowell	WW Coll. System Repairer
CSM	Shane Mira	WW Coll. System Repairer
WTD	Jonah Napoleon	Asst. WWTP Operator
OAS	Marisol Olaes	CE III
CSM	Anton Pise	WW Coll. System Repairer
CSM	Terrence Samoa	WW Coll. System Repairer
CSM	Mikel Shupe	WW Coll. System Repairer
CSM	Donald Soares	WW Coll. System Repairer
CSM	Jacklord Tano	Electronics Technician
CSM	Carl Tamuvasa	WW Coll. System Repairer
CSM	Radford Torres	WW Coll. System Repairer
CSM	Mekveen Young	WW Coll. System Repairer

RETIREMENTS

<i>Div.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yrs</i>	<i>Position</i>
EQ	Reginald Goo	40	Sanitary Chemist
EQ	Glenn Hasebe	27	WW Service Investigator
CSM	Fuji Juan	30	WW Coll. Sys. Field Supervisor
CSM	Raphael Kama	26	WW Coll. Sys. Supervisor
EQ	Werner Kottenmeier	17	Sanitary Chemist
REF	Bernard Quinlan	7	Heavy Truck Driver II
WTD	Elmer Reiter	17	Asst. WWTP Operator
REF	Steve Yamaguchi	35	Refuse Collection Crew Leader

CITY AHEAD WITH CURBSIDE RECYCLING CONTRACT

In 2010, the City awarded RRR Recycling Services Hawaii a contract to process the mixed recyclables collected in the City's curbside recycling program. Under the terms of this innovative "revenue sharing" contract, the City pays RRR a "per ton" fee to process the material, while sharing with RRR the revenue generated from the sale of the recyclables.

Since the new contract began one year ago, about 1,725 tons per month of mixed recyclables are captured in the blue carts. For every ton recycled, the City averages approximately \$67.00, or more than \$115,000 per month. The projected annual revenue of \$1.4 million will help keep costs down for taxpayers while reducing landfill-bound waste and making the 'aina a little greener.

The City is currently conducting a Waste Composition Analysis that is designed to gauge the effectiveness of the curbside program and identify opportunities to improve the program.

DHR CLASSES AVAILABLE

Seats are now available on the latest DHR Training & Development Catalog from July to December 2011.

How do I register for DHR-ENV Classes?

Submit, via e-mail, a request to your immediate supervisor and forward approval to your respective DTC (Division Training Coordinator) and jjamato@honolulu.gov so your registration request(s) in Meridian may be processed.

Refuse Division Only

For work locations using Meridian to directly manage the registration process, please follow your respective division DTC's protocols.

Employees without computer access

Supervisors, send a list of approved names to your division training coordinator(s) and jjamato@honolulu.gov.

Have a Question?

Please contact your respective division training coordinator(s) and jjamato@honolulu.gov.