

## NEWS RELEASE



DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **PEARL CITY WASTEWATER FORCE MAIN BREAK**

*(Fri., Feb. 4, 2011)* – The city's Department of Environmental Services responded today to a force main break at the Pearl City Wastewater Pump Station.

A call came in at 10:00 a.m. of ponding near the Leeward Community College bike path. An ENV crew confirmed the break at 12:50 p.m. and secured the site at 1:46 p.m.

The 36-inch force main percolated tens of thousands of gallons of untreated wastewater up from the ground with some making its way into Pearl Harbor's Middle Loch. ENV vector trucks are on site recovering wastewater and redistributing it downstream near the Waipahu Pump Station. The flow has been redirected to the redundant force main.

The force main has been secured and the spill into Middle Loch stopped. A contractor will begin repairs Monday to the pipe.

ENV notified both the state Department of Health and the U.S. Navy. Warning signs were posted and DOH waived water sampling.

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