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**CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

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**CITY SMOKE TESTING PORTION OF AINA HAINA**

KAPOLEI – The City’s Department of Environmental Services (ENV) will smoke test portions of the wastewater collection system in the Aina Haina area March 16-29.

The daytime testing is part of ENV’s preventative maintenance program to prevent rainwater from entering the sewer system. ENV crews pump smoke into sewer pipes, examine whether smoke escapes and record its location. The smoke used is non-toxic, harmless and minimal odor. The smoke is neither a fire hazard nor health hazard to humans and pets.

Tests locate broken pipes, illegal connections, open cleanouts and other paths for runoff to enter the sewer system. Runoff from heavy rain can overwhelm and surcharge the sewer system and treatment plants, causing sanitary sewer overflows.

Residents and affected businesses were notified by mail and door notices. In addition, ENV will contact Fire and Police communications centers at the beginning and ending of each testing day. The attached map illustrates the area to be tested.

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