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H-POWER 3rd boiler up, boiler No. 2 due up tomorrow

KAPOLEI – Covanta expedited work on H-POWER's damaged third boiler grates late last night allowing about 50 percent of Honolulu's municipal solid waste to be disposed of at the waste-to-energy facility today.

Transfer trailers, convenience center rolloff loads and sludge will continue to go to the landfill today.

For the past two days, all commercial and residential trash was taken to the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill after some highly combustible material fell and damaged grates in the third boiler causing its shutdown.

Work was anticipated to take several more days to complete, but Covanta had the parts on island that accelerated the replacement job.

Covanta was in the middle of scheduled technological upgrades of its two refuse-derived fuel boilers (Nos. 1 and 2). Boiler No. 1, which was taken offline October 5 for maintenance, is online. Boiler No. 2 was taken offline October 22, but repairs have taken longer than expected and should be online late tomorrow afternoon.

Covanta has a contractual obligation to compensate the city for any waste that was diverted to the landfill, and to compensate the Hawaiian Electric Company for loss of power generation.

City crews continue to pick up residential household waste and bulky items. All homeowners are advised to avoid taking any waste material to the landfill and to instead make use of the nearest convenience center for the next couple of days. However, residents, if possible, are asked to wait until next week to drop it off so that it can be processed at H-POWER instead of sent to the landfill.

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