

**Summary of Public Input to HDOH HEER Office on Proposed Removal Action  
Report Alternatives for the Hakalau Pesticide Mixing site, Hawai'i Island –  
John Peard, HEER Office, Hilo**

Public Notice Printed in Hawaii Tribune-Herald: May 15, 2013

Public Comment Period: May 15 – June 20, 2013

Community Public Meeting Held: May 23, 2013, at Honomu Gym in Honomu, 6:00-7:30 PM, about 15-20 people attended.

Other Outreach:

- Direct mailing of a letter and site fact sheet to a site-specific “Interested Parties” list (27 people on list)
- Public Notice for the site was printed in OEQC newsletter
- A note and copies of Public Notice, Fact Sheet, and Draft RAR were posted on the HEER Office website for access
- Copy of Draft RAR and other site environmental documents made available at Hilo Public Library during the public comment period

Reference Document: Draft Removal Action Report, Former Pepeekeo Sugar Company Hakalau Property, April 25, 2013, by Integral Consulting

Alternatives Considered in Draft Removal Action Report:

1. No Action (does not meet RAOs included for comparative baseline)
2. Excavation and Offsite Landfill Disposal of Arsenic Category C and D Soils
3. Onsite Containment Cell for Arsenic Category C and D Soils
4. Onsite Containment Cell for Arsenic Category C Soils, Offsite Landfill Disposal of Arsenic Category D Soils
5. Onsite Consolidation and Capping of Arsenic Category C and D Soils at Source Area.

Preferred Alternative Selected in Draft Removal Action Report: **Alternative 4**, Onsite Containment Cell for Arsenic Category C Soils, Offsite Landfill Disposal of Arsenic Category D Soils, was determined to provide the best balance of human health and environmental protectiveness at a reasonable cost.

Number of individuals providing public comment on Removal Alternatives: **15** (Grace Kissell, Andrei Burghilea, Simona Vaduvescu, John Kaye, June Kaye, Bob Ware, Dianne McDaniel, Susan Forbes, Kenneth Forbes, Julie Goettsch, Roger Fischer, Peggy Saunders, Maude Taylor, Eric Hansen, and Justin Yamamoto)

Number of organizations providing public comment on Removal Alternatives: 2 (County of Hawai'i Dept. of Environmental Management, and Life of the Land)

Summary of Preferred Alternative choices from comments received:

1. No Action: **0**
2. Excavation and Offsite Landfill Disposal of Arsenic Category C and D Soils: **1**
3. Onsite Containment Cell for Arsenic Category C and D Soils: **0**
4. Onsite Containment Cell for Arsenic Category C Soils, Offsite Landfill Disposal of Arsenic Category D Soils: **5** (3 of the 5 wanted Category C soil containment area be on makai side of the warehouses rather than proposed location).
5. Onsite Consolidation and Capping of Arsenic Category C and D Soils at Source Area: **9** (7 of the 9 indicated if Alternative 5 was not possible or advisable, they would prefer Alternative 4, either as proposed (2) or with the containment area to be located on the makai side of warehouses (5) rather than location proposed in Alternative 4).

Comment Notes (JP):

- The two organizations providing comment did not state a preferred removal alternative.
- Comments received in support of Alternative 5 were based on area residents concerns related to potential dust exposure during the soil disturbance/removal actions, and their desire to keep any contaminated soil as far as possible from their existing homes nearby (even if buried and capped with a hard surface). At least 3 noted special concerns they had about adequate dust controls during any excavation, and most noted that if a containment cell had to be dug as part of the remediation, it should be located on the makai side of the warehouses (further away from existing homes) rather than in the location proposed in Alternative 4. Two suggested that "binders" be added to the soil, if possible, for Alternative 5. None expressed concerns regarding excavation impacts and cliff stability.
- Comments in support of Alternative 5 and for any soil burial to be located on the makai side of the warehouses mirrored discussion that occurred by nearby residents at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> public meeting.
- At the public meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, site owner Steve Shropshire indicated that if the source area could be capped, he was thinking a public tennis court or basketball facility or something of that nature could be worked there as part of the development. Mr. Shropshire also noted he would be open to consider burial of any soils on the makai side of one of the warehouses (since paved work areas behind the warehouses can be useful)... as long as that was acceptable to HDOH.