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Hi Dean,

We are still waiting on the County to get us the proposed Consent Agreement so that Alexis can sign it and we can get it out for public notice. It looks like our public notice will likely start sometime next week. In thinking about drafting a media advisory, below are some points to consider. I know OPA is a bit in flux with Jared's announcement, but hopefully we can still get something low-key out on our proposed order.

Thanks.
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EPA is issuing a proposed Administrative Compliance Order that would require Maui County to fully disinfect all wastewater at the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility (LWRF) using non-chlorine methods. The Order, consented to by the County, is subject to a 30-day public comment period, before it can be finalized.

This action is being taken to address alleged permit violations at the Lahaina Facility. Specifically, EPA determined that the injection fluid at this facility contains levels of coliform bacteria that could exceed drinking water standards in the aquifer, which is prohibited by the County's UIC permit.

By the end of December 2013, the County would have to install an approved non-chlorine disinfection method to treat the fluid injected at the LWRF.

After December 2013, the injected fluid may not exceed the R-1 disinfection requirements for fecal coliform as specified in Hawaii State Regulations.

Treating all wastewater at Lahaina to R-1 reuse standards will ensure that pathogens are not contaminating the aquifer and not being released into nearby coastal waters, while also substantially increasing the supply of recycled wastewater available for reuse by the County.