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I asked Chauncey Hew of HDOH why the Kihei WWTP on Maui does not have a federal UIC permit. It turns out the best way to answer that question is to ask it the other way around: Why are Puna Geothermal and Lahaina WWTP required to attain federal UIC permits? It's apparently because these facilities attracted large public concern and outcry. In the case of Lahaina, he noted that public concern over algae blooms drove the requirement that the Kihei WWTP get a UIC permit. All three Maui WWTPs have state UIC permits. So it appears that, historically, federal UIC permits have been issued in response to public concern.

This is probably and overly-generalized response, but I think it gives us a flavor of how things work UIC-wise in Hawaii.