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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] INITIAL REPORT: 4-23-2025 Wastewater spill at Coco Palms SPS

**Importance:** High

All,

This is an initial report to document the wastewater spill yesterday at the Coco Palms SPS and surrounding areas. Please note that we made telephonic notifications to the Hawaii State Hospital Operator (4/23/2025) because it was after hours, and made telephonic notifications to both the Wastewater Branch and Clean Water Branch earlier this morning (4/24/2025).

- The spill occurred on April 23, 2025, from approximately 4:00 pm until about 5:00 pm, due to the failure of the motor control panel which caused the pumps to be inoperable. The spill was estimated to be on the order of 6,000 gallons. The spill occurred at the sewer manholes within the vicinity of the pump station and flowed into the adjacent low areas. The south area was contained to a construction yard. The spill on the north side included the Waipouli shopping complex parking lot and driveway.
- Spill did not reach any streams or storm drains.
- Mitigation efforts included pumping the standing material and disinfecting the area.
- The Wastewater Management Division is working on evaluating the MCC failure to prevent future incidents.
- Note also that a press release was issued and published by our County PIO yesterday. See attached.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. We will be following up with a formal report within 5 business days, or sooner.

Mahalo

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### **News Release**

For Immediate Release: April 23, 2025



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### **Wastewater Spill Notice: Wailua Coco Palms Sewer Pump Station**

WAILUA – The public is advised of a wastewater spill of about 6,000 gallons that occurred at the Wailua Coco Palms Sewer Pump Station between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. today, April 23.

The spill occurred due to the failure of electrical components that affected the primary pumps and backup generators.

The contaminated spill area was confined to nearby properties. It did not reach state waters. The ponded material was pumped down, and the area was disinfected.

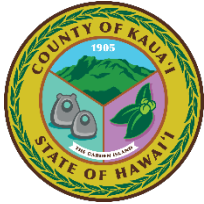
The Wastewater Management Division is working on electrical repairs to prevent incidents in the future.

Anyone with questions may contact Donald Fujimoto with the Wastewater Management Division at 808-241-4083 or via email at [dfujimoto@kauai.gov](mailto:dfujimoto@kauai.gov).

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