



## THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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### **Sewage spill reported in Waimea, discharged into ocean at Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor**

WAIMEA – County officials are notifying the public of a wastewater spill from the Waimea Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to an irrigation ditch next to the facility.

The irrigation ditch is part of the ditch system that connects to Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor. County officials coordinated with contractors to open the ditch to relieve flooding in the area. Signs were posted to inform the public to stay out of the affected area.

The spill is a result of heavy rainfall in the area, causing storm water to enter the sewer system (inflow and infiltration (I/I)) and overwhelm the Waimea WWTP. Officials estimate that over 100,000 gallons of secondary treated wastewater spilled from the Waimea WWTP.

State Department of Health officials have been notified about the spill.

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