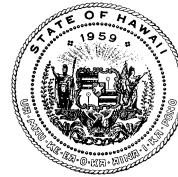




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Re: Invitation to attend the February 26, 2024 Board of Water Supply Board Meeting

Dear Mr. Lau:

Thank you for the invitation to attend the February 26, 2024 Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) Board Meeting to discuss the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) report on the drinking water complaint investigation of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam public water system and the Department of Health's (DOH) drinking water standard for total petroleum hydrocarbons. The EPA and DOH respectfully decline the invitation as there will be several opportunities in February and March for the public and BWS to receive more information on these drinking water topics.

We anticipate a February Community Representation Initiative meeting, which will include an update on EPA's investigation into drinking water complaints at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam public drinking water system and steps the U.S. Navy will take in March to continue to monitor the drinking water system. Also, on March 7<sup>th</sup> (a week after the BWS Board Meeting), the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee (FTAC) will host their public meeting and drinking water will be on the agenda. As a member of the FTAC, you will have an opportunity to ask questions before and along with the public. EPA is also planning to hold a webinar in March on EPA's investigation into drinking water complaints and steps taken by the U.S. Navy to address the investigation findings.

In addition to these public meetings, we are willing to directly meet with you and your team to discuss any questions you may have specifically on these drinking water topics. EPA and DOH take drinking water quality seriously and remain committed to working with all stakeholders to address concerns. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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