

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade Environmental Assessment

March 2025

The U.S. Marine Corps has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and applicable regulations and guidance. The Draft EA will inform interested parties of impacts associated with the proposed action. The proposed action is to upgrade the existing wastewater treatment system and to construct and operate a redundant wastewater treatment system. The proposed action would allow the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) to maintain full capacity during maintenance activities and unscheduled repairs of the existing system, adhere to water quality and disinfection standards, introduce new water reuse capabilities on base, and comply with tsunami design requirements. The proposed action would occur entirely on base at the existing WRF.

The Marine Corps seeks public review and comment on the analysis and conclusions within the Draft EA and the associated National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation. A copy of the Draft EA and Section 106 consultation correspondence is located at the following websites: <https://planning.hawaii.gov/erp> and the MCB Hawaii website: <https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Resources-Services/Pertinent-Information/Water-Reclamation-Facility-Upgrades-EA/>. The Draft EA will be available for a 30-day public review and comment period; **all comments must be in writing and postmarked or emailed on or before May 8, 2025**. Your comments will be considered as part of the decision-making process.

A printed copy of the Draft EA is available at the Hawaii Documents Center (Hawaii State Public Library) and at the following libraries on O'ahu: Kailua Public Library and Kāne'ohe Public Library.

Public comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, may be included in the Final EA. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Please address written comments to: Peer Amble, Stantec GS Inc., 737 Bishop Street, Suite 3050, Honolulu, HI 96813. Comments may also be submitted via email to: MCBH.WRF.EA@stantecgs.com



The State of Hawaii's Environmental Review Program website:
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The MCB Hawaii website:
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