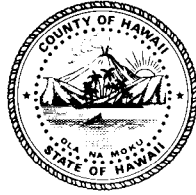


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**The Hawai'i County Department of Environmental Management announces a public meeting relating to Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) for the proposed South Hilo Waste Reduction Technology Facility.**

The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2006, from 6-8 PM, in the Aupuni Conference Room, in the new County Building on Pauahi Street in Hilo.

As the South Hilo Sanitary Landfill approaches its design capacity, the County needs to develop new options for the ultimate disposal of its municipal solid waste. The development of a waste reduction technology facility is one component of the overall long-term solid waste management approach identified by the County in the Update to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan, and it is one of several solid waste management options currently being considered by the Hawai'i County Department of Environmental Management.

As currently envisioned, the waste reduction technology facility would be sited adjacent to the South Hilo Sanitary Landfill and would provide measurable benefits to the County's overall solid waste management approach by:

- Providing reliable, cost-effective waste disposal using commercially proven technologies.
- Maximizing island self-sufficiency and sustainability by the beneficial utilization of waste through energy, soil amendments and/or reused materials.
- Minimizing social and environmental impacts.

This meeting continues the public involvement process for the waste reduction technology facility project, which began with a March 2, 2006 meeting. The meeting will update the public on the current status of the procurement process for the project and will discuss site studies and health risk assessments that are expected to be conducted

as part of the EIS and permit applications. Officials and consultants who will be on hand to explain the project and answer public questions will include:

**Department of Environmental Management:** Director Barbara Bell and Solid Waste Division Chief Mike Dworsky.

**Geometrician Associates:** Ron Terry, chief scientist for the EISPN.

**DR Associates:** David Robichaux, P.E., technical consultant for the EISPN.