
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO
REPORT ON A POTENTIAL CONTAMINANT SPILL ON THE ISLAND OF
MOLOKAI.

1 WHEREAS, for the past five years, on lands on the island of
2 Molokai, described on the tax maps of the State of Hawaii as
3 TMK: (Second Division) 5-6-07:7 and 8, there have been old and
4 apparently derelict vehicles, large equipment, large fuel tanks,
5 and several large barrels that are rotting away and leaking
6 their contents on to the ground; and
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8 WHEREAS, the lands described are in a designated wetlands
9 and could potentially contaminate the wetlands; and
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11 WHEREAS, many complaints concerning the potential
12 contamination made to the Department of Health have gone
13 unheeded and unanswered; and
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15 WHEREAS, on November 6, 2004, following a complaint made to
16 the United States Environmental Protection Agency,
17 representatives of the Agency made a site inspection of the
18 potential contamination and indicated that the Department of
19 Health would be notified; and
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21 WHEREAS, to date, no remedial action of any kind has been
22 undertaken and the potential contamination remains unabated; and
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24 WHEREAS, follow-up inquiries to the Department of Health
25 continue to go unanswered; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2006, that the Environmental Protection Agency is requested
30 to disclose the following information regarding the potential
31 contamination on TMK: (Second Division) 5-6-07:7 and 8:
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33 (1) The findings of its site inspection;
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- 1 (2) The presence of any contamination, the nature and
- 2 extent of any contamination, and the type of
- 3 contaminant;
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- 5 (3) The extent of any damage to the environment and the
- 6 wetlands;
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- 8 (4) Any recommended remedial action that needs to be
- 9 taken; and
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- 11 (5) Any correspondence or reports transmitted to the
- 12 Department of Health; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Environmental Protection
 15 Agency is requested to submit a report containing the foregoing
 16 information and any findings and recommendations to the
 17 Legislature not less than twenty days prior to the convening of
 18 the Regular Session 2007; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 21 Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the United
 22 States Environmental Protection Agency, the head of the
 23 Environmental Protection Agency-Pacific Islands Contact Office,
 24 and the Director of Health.

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