

# **State of Hawaii 2010 Ambient Air Monitoring Network 5-Year Assessment**



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## Abbreviations and Definitions

AADT	Annual Average Daily Traffic
AQI	Air Quality Index
CBSA	U. S. Census Bureau, Core Based Statistical Area
CDP	U. S. Census Bureau, Census Designated Places
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CO	Carbon monoxide gas
DBEDT	State of Hawaii Department of Economic Development and Tourism
DOH	Hawaii State Department of Health
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
FEM	Federal Equivalent Method
FRM	Federal Reference Method
H <sub>2</sub> S	Hydrogen sulfide gas
HPI	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
IMPROVE	Integrated Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments
MSA	U. S. Census Bureau, Metropolitan Statistical Area
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NCORE	National Core Multi-pollutant Monitoring Stations
NEI	National Emissions Inventory (2005)
NO <sub>2</sub>	Nitrogen dioxide gas
O <sub>3</sub>	Ozone
Pb	Lead
PM <sub>c</sub>	Particulate matter (coarse) which equals PM <sub>10</sub> minus PM <sub>2.5</sub>
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Particulate matter less than or equal to 2.5 microns in aerodynamic diameter
PM <sub>10</sub>	Particulate matter less than or equal to 10 microns in aerodynamic diameter
POV	Percent of individual poverty level
PPM	Parts per million; a measurement unit for gases
PWEI	Population Weighted Emissions Index, an EPA calculation that triggers SO <sub>2</sub> monitoring
SLAMS	State and Local Air Monitoring Stations
SO <sub>2</sub>	Sulfur dioxide gas
SPM	Special Purpose Monitoring Stations
VOG	Haze due to volcanic emissions
WD	Wind direction
WS	Wind speed
µg/m <sup>3</sup>	micrograms per cubic meter of air; a measurement unit for particulate matter



## I. Executive Summary

### A. Purpose of this Report

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), promulgated a requirement for all states to conduct and submit a network assessment once every five years [40 CFR 58.10(e)].

*“The state, or where applicable local, agency shall perform and submit to the EPA Regional Administrator an assessment of the air quality surveillance system every 5 years to determine, at a minimum, if the network meets the monitoring objectives defined in appendix D to this part, whether new sites are needed, whether existing sites are no longer needed and can be terminated, and whether new technologies are appropriate for incorporation into the ambient air monitoring network. The network assessment must consider the ability of existing and proposed sites to support air quality characterization for areas with relatively high populations of susceptible individuals (e.g., children with asthma), and, for any sites that are being proposed for discontinuance, the effect on data users other than the agency itself, such as nearby States and Tribes or health effects studies. For PM<sub>2.5</sub>, the assessment also must identify needed changes to population-oriented sites. The State, or where applicable local, agency must submit a copy of this 5-year assessment, along with a revised annual network plan, to the Regional Administrator. The first assessment is due July 1, 2010.”*

The five-year assessment differs from the annual network plan by providing a more comprehensive conceptualization of the state's air surveillance system. The annual network plan effectively updates the changes for the upcoming year, as resources allow, based in part on the recommendations in the five-year assessment.

### B. Structure of the Assessment

The current air monitoring network was evaluated by answering the following questions:

- Are the current monitoring objectives being met?
- Are the minimum monitoring requirements set forth in 40 CFR 58 being met?
- What have the pollutant trends shown?
- What are the station values and ranking?
- What are the pollutant monitor values and ranking?

The assessment utilized a variety of analytical tools and information to characterize and optimize the air surveillance network. These included evaluations of:

- Site by site, monitoring objectives and pollutant prioritization;
- Trends;
- Population shifts and growth;
- Health and environmental justice issues;
- Emissions inventory;

- Meteorological and geographical factors; and,
- New NAAQS monitoring requirements.

A final conceptual model of the network was then developed by determining:

- Monitoring priorities for the state;
- Data or area gaps in the current network based on the analyses;
- Low value sites or monitors that can be discontinued or moved to a more relevant area;
- Population groups not being adequately served;
- Monitoring to comply with new NAAQS requirements;

The final network configuration is a result of the compilation and analysis of all available information as well as input from various data users and reliance on experience and a general understanding of community needs as it relates to ambient air issues.



## II. Evaluation of the Current Air Monitoring Network

### A. Network Description and Objectives

There are currently 13 stations statewide located on three of the seven populated islands. According to the U. S. Census Bureau, the only Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) in the state is the City and County of Honolulu on the island of Oahu. In addition to being the most populated island, Oahu also has the majority of industrial and mobile sources of pollution. The network reflects this by having five of six SLAMS stations located on Oahu.

The largest emission source, and consequently one of the state's highest monitoring priorities, is the Kilauea volcano on the island of Hawaii. Although considered a natural event, the volcano emits on average, more than 2,000 tons of sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) per day. In addition to SO<sub>2</sub> as a pollutant of concern, as the plume travels away from the vents, it combines with other atmospheric constituents to form PM<sub>2.5</sub> which affects communities further from the volcano. There are currently six stations monitoring for SO<sub>2</sub> and five stations monitoring for PM<sub>2.5</sub> on the island of Hawaii. An additional station monitoring for both pollutants is also planned to be in operation sometime in 2010 or 2011.

The agricultural pre-harvest practice of burning sugar cane is only being conducted on the island of Maui. The monitoring station in Kihei, Maui was established to monitor the burning of cane fields near a residential area.

The current network meets all minimum monitoring requirements for the MSA according to 40 CFR 58 Appendix D for O<sub>3</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, and Pb.

**Table 1. Current Number of Monitors by Pollutant or Program**

Pollutant or Program	No. of SLAMS Stations	No. of SPM Stations	Total in the MSA	No. Required for the MSA (40 CFR 58)	Total in the State
CO	2	-	2	No requirement	2
NO <sub>2</sub>	2	-	2	No requirement	2
SO <sub>2</sub>	5	4	3	No requirement	9
O <sub>3</sub>	1	-	1	1	1
PM <sub>10</sub>	4	-	4	1-2	4
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	5	5	4	1	10
Pb	-	1 <sup>1</sup>	1	1	1
Air Toxics	-	1	1	No requirement	1
PM <sub>2.5</sub> Speciation	-	1	1	No requirement	1
H <sub>2</sub> S	-	2 <sup>2</sup>	0	State standard	2

<sup>1</sup> Pb is being monitored as part of the Air Toxics program

<sup>2</sup> H<sub>2</sub>S is not a federal criteria pollutant, however the state has a 1-hour standard of 25 ppb. H<sub>2</sub>S is being monitored because of geothermal energy production on the Island of Hawaii

Figure 1. 2010 State of Hawaii Ambient Air Monitoring Network Locations

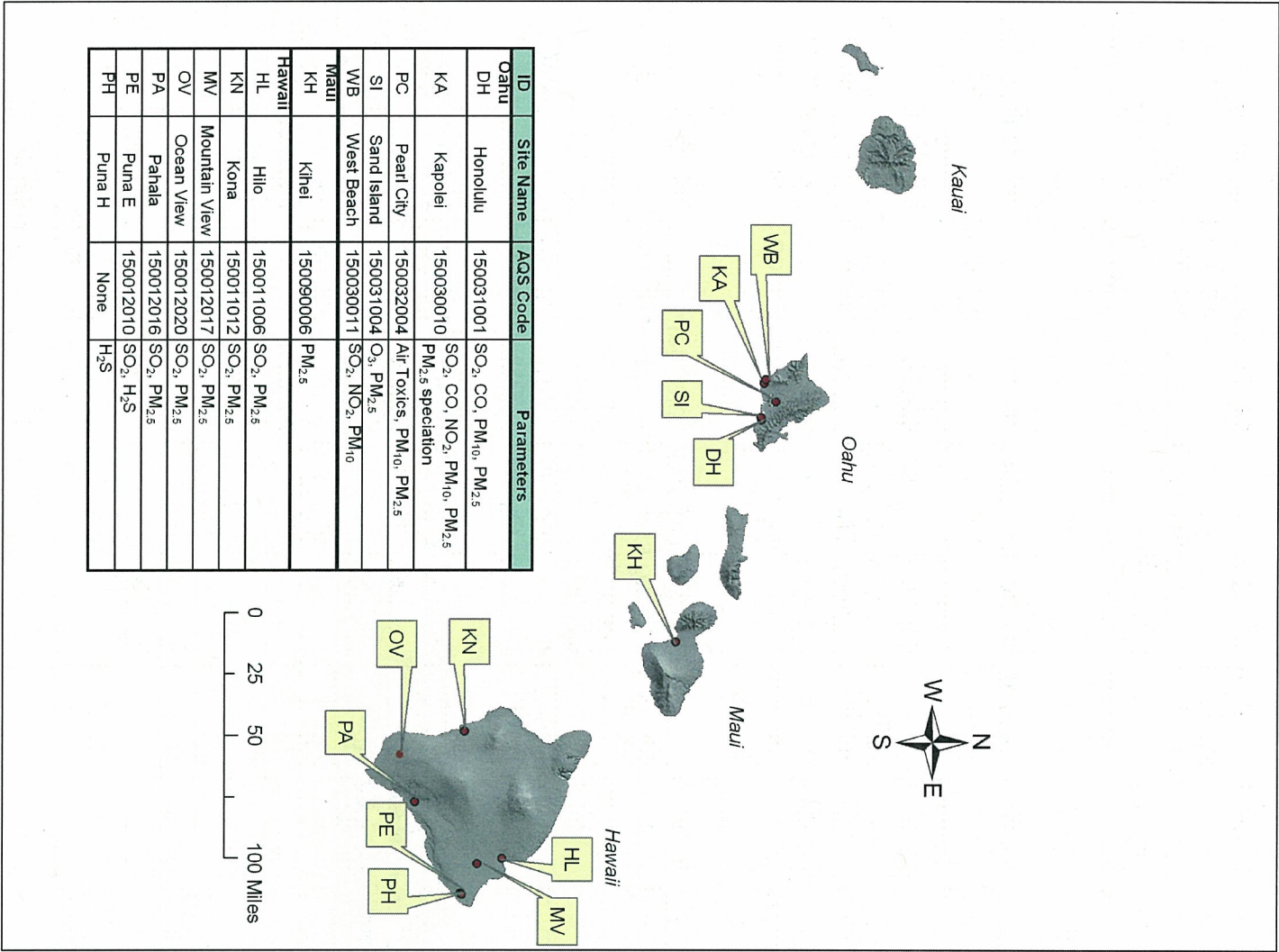




Table 2. Description of the Current State of Hawaii Air Monitoring Network

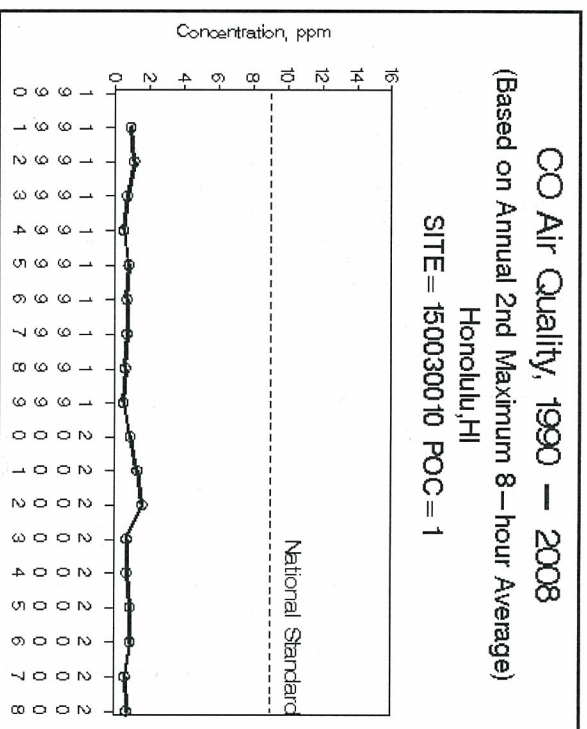
#	ID	LOCATION	MET	POLLUTANT	TYPE	SITE	SPATIAL SCALE/ OBJECTIVE	START
<b>OAHU (Honolulu MSA)</b>			NOTE: Met equipment on a 10 meter tower are capitalized					
1	DH 150031001	Honolulu 1250 Punchbowl St. Honolulu, HI	WS wd	CO SO <sub>2</sub> PM <sub>10</sub> PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Continuous Continuous Continuous Continuous	SLAMS SLAMS SLAMS SLAMS	Middle; max Neighborhood; pop Neighborhood; pop Neighborhood; pop	1/72 1/72 2/92 1/99
2	KA 150030010 NCORE	Kapolei TMK (1) 9-1-75:39 2052 Lauwiliwili St Kapolei, HI	WS WD °F	CO SO <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> PM <sub>10</sub> PM <sub>2.5</sub> PM <sub>2.5</sub> Spec.	Continuous Continuous Continuous Continuous Continuous 1 in 6 days	SLAMS SLAMS SLAMS SLAMS SLAMS SPM	Neighborhood; pop. Neighborhood; pop. Neighborhood; pop. Neighborhood; pop. Neighborhood; pop Neighborhood; pop	7/29/02 7/29/02 7/29/02 7/29/02 7/29/02 10/1/09
3	PC 150032004	Pearl City 860 4 <sup>th</sup> St. Pearl City, HI	WS wd	PM <sub>10</sub> PM <sub>2.5</sub> *PM <sub>2.5</sub> (Co-loc) *PM <sub>2.5</sub> (Co-loc) Air Toxics Pb	Continuous Continuous 1 in 6 days 1 in 12 days 1 in 6 days 1 in 6 days	SLAMS SLAMS SLAMS SLAMS SPM SPM	Neighborhood; pop. Neighborhood; pop Co-located monitor Co-located monitor Neighborhood; pop. Neighborhood; pop.	2/94 1/99 1/99 4/1/09 1/02 1/02
4	SI 150031004	Sand Island Anuenue Fisheries 1039 Sand Island Pkwy	WS wd °f	O <sub>3</sub> PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Continuous Continuous	SLAMS SLAMS	Urban; maximum Urban; transport	2/81 10/1/99
5	WB 150030011	West Beach Ko'Olina Golf Course TMK (1) 9-1-14:27	WS WD °F	SO <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> PM <sub>10</sub>	Continuous Continuous Continuous	SLAMS SLAMS SLAMS	Neighborhood; source Neighborhood; source Neighborhood; bkgnd	2/91 11/92 2/91
<b>MAUI County</b>								
6	KH 150090006	Kihnei Hale Pili'ani Park TMK (2)-3-9-4-28	WS WD	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Continuous	SLAMS	Neighborhood; source	2/99
<b>HAWAII County</b>								
7	HL 150011006	Hilo 1099 Waiannuenu Ave. Hilo, HI	WS WD °F	SO <sub>2</sub> (0-1; 0-10) PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Continuous Continuous	SLAMS SPM	Neighborhood; pop. Neighborhood; pop.	1/97 5/1/08
8	KN 150011012	Kona 81-1043 Konawaena School Rd.	WS WD °F	SO <sub>2</sub> (0-1; 0-10) PM <sub>2.5</sub> (BAM)	Continuous Continuous	SLAMS SPM	Neighborhood; pop Neighborhood; pop	9/05 3/15/08
9	MV 150012017	Mountain View 17-860 Volcano Rd. Mt. View, HI 96771	WS WD	SO <sub>2</sub> (0-1; 0-10) PM <sub>2.5</sub> (BAM)	Continuous Continuous	SPM SPM	Neighborhood; other Neighborhood; pop	12/4/07 4/11/08
10	OV 150012020	Ocean View Hawaiian Ocean View Estates	WS WD	SO <sub>2</sub> (0-1; 0-10) PM <sub>2.5</sub> (BAM)	Continuous Continuous	SPM SPM	Neighborhood; pop Neighborhood; pop	4/1/10 4/1/10
11	PA 150012016	Pahala 96-3150 Pikake St., Pahala, HI 96777	WS WD	SO <sub>2</sub> (0-1; 0-10) PM <sub>2.5</sub> (BAM)	Continuous Continuous	SPM SPM	Neighborhood; pop Neighborhood; pop	8/10/07 4/11/08
12	PE 150012010	Puna E 13-763 Leilani Ave. Pahoa, HI	WS WD °F	H <sub>2</sub> S (0-1ppm) SO <sub>2</sub> (0-1)	Continuous Continuous	SPM SPM	Neighborhood; source Neighborhood; source	3/91 2/16/05
13	PH None	Puna H TMK (3)-1-3-46-75 (Lanipuna)	WS WD °F	H <sub>2</sub> S (0-1ppm)	Continuous	SPM	Neighborhood; source	11/02

## B. Pollutant Trends

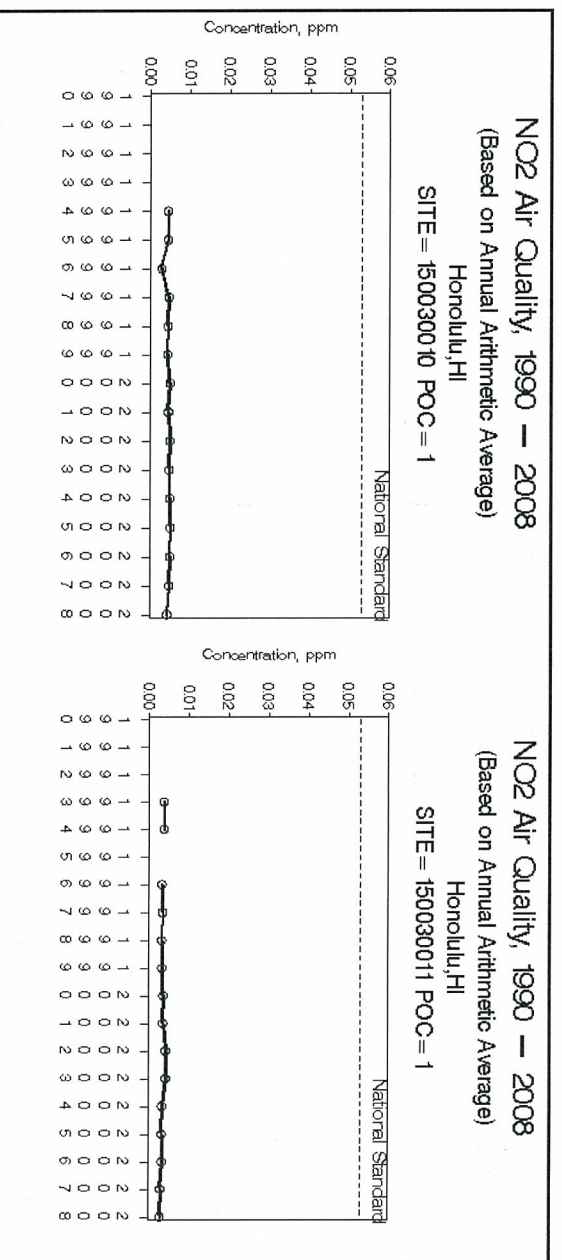
### 1. SLAMS Stations

Hawaii is in attainment for all criteria pollutants. EPA trend charts show that CO, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub> and Pb have been well below the NAAQS. Although particulates have also remained below the NAAQS, based on percentage of the NAAQS, they rank as the highest pollutants of concern for SLAMS stations.

**Figure 2. CO Trend at DH (150031001) SLAMS Station**



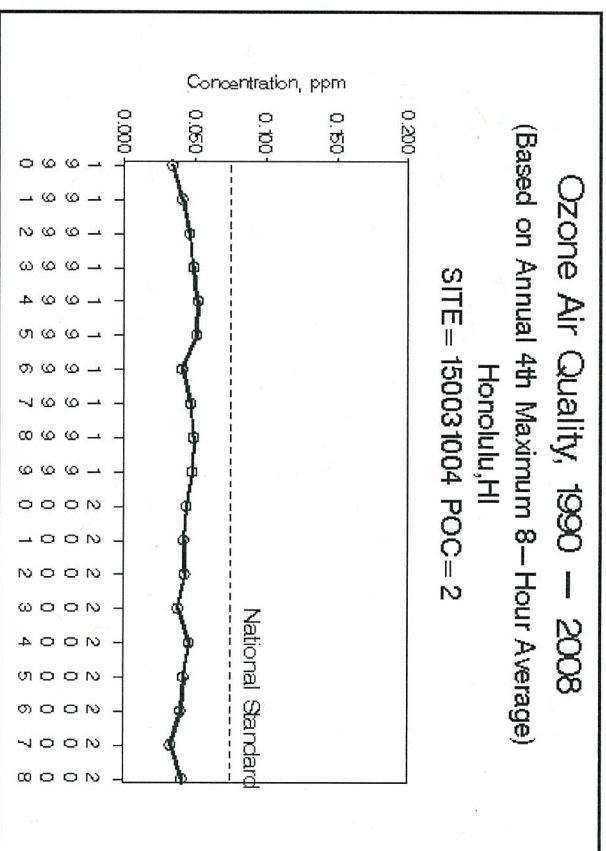
**Figure 3. NO<sub>2</sub> Trends at KA (1500330010) and WB (1500330011) SLAMS Stations**



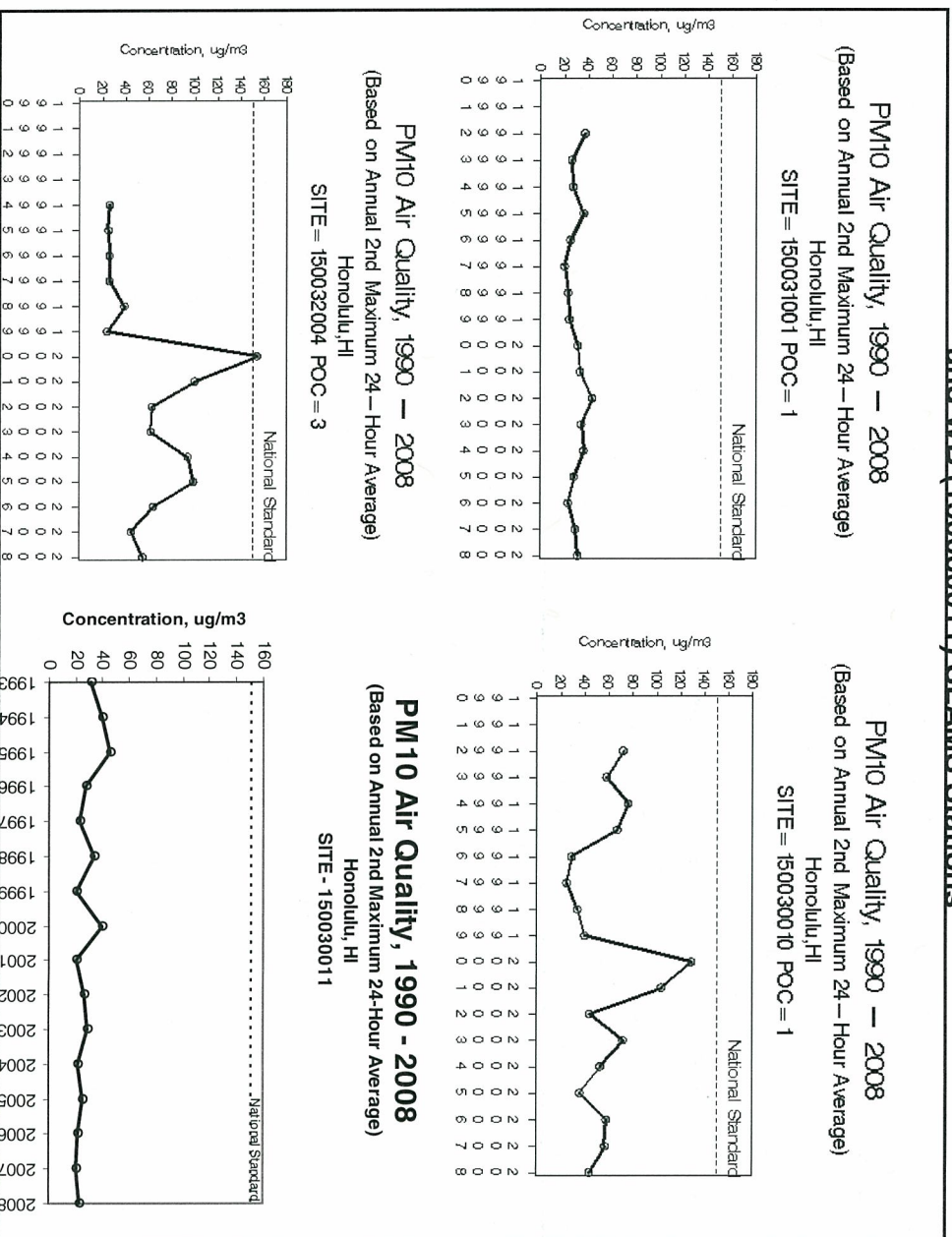




**Figure 5. O<sub>3</sub> Trend at SI (150031004) SLAMS Station**

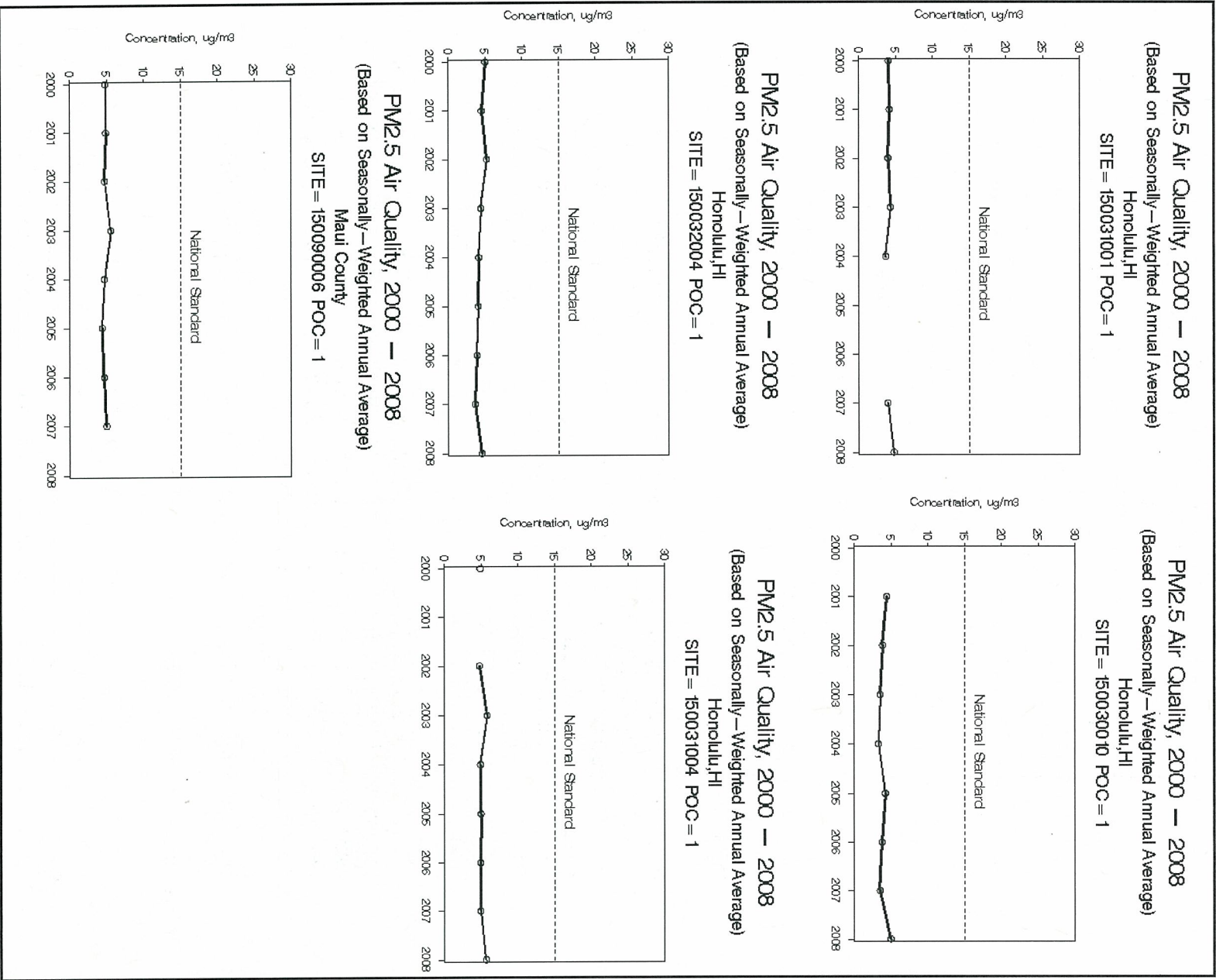


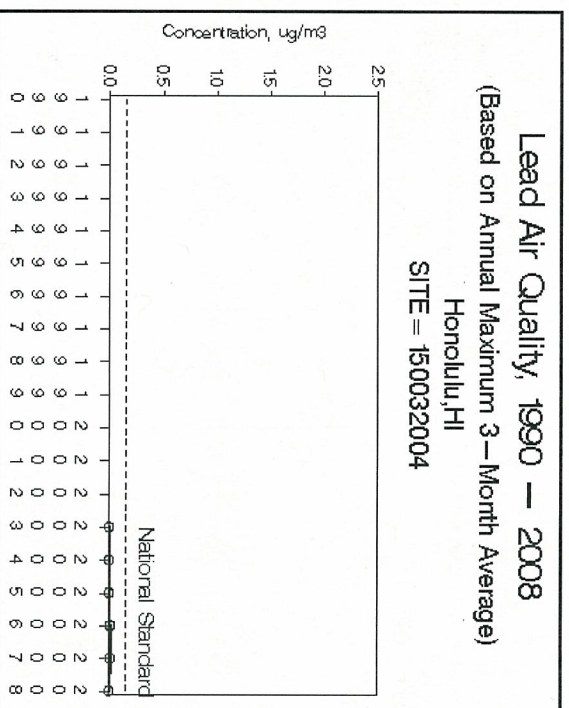
**Figure 6. PM<sub>10</sub> Trends at DH (150031001), KA (150030010), PC (150032004), and WB (150030011) SLAMS Stations**





**Figure 7. PM<sub>2.5</sub> Trends at DH (150031001), KA (150030010), PC (150032004), SI (150031004), and KH (150090006) SLAMS Stations**



**Figure 8. Pb Trend at PC (150032004) SLAMS Station**

## 2. SPM Stations

The Kilauea volcano eruption on the island of Hawaii has been ongoing since 1983 emitting almost 2,000 tons per day of  $\text{SO}_2$ . In March 2008, a second vent opened which more than doubled the  $\text{SO}_2$  emissions, increasing at one point to over 9,000 tons per day. Although a natural event, the volcano is unquestionably the largest single  $\text{SO}_2$  emission source in the state. As the  $\text{SO}_2$  gas moves through the atmosphere and combines with moisture and other compounds, the gas converts to fine particles, primarily acid aerosols and sulfates.

There are six  $\text{SO}_2$  and five  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  monitoring stations currently operating on the island of Hawaii. From March 2008 until April 2010, there have been 96 exceedances of the 24-hour  $\text{SO}_2$  and 68 exceedances of the 24-hour  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  health-based standards. Additionally, in 2008, the Pahala station (PA 150012016) exceeded the annual  $\text{SO}_2$  standard.

$\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  continue to be the pollutants of concern for the SPM stations.

## C. Value Ranking of SLAMS Stations and Pollutants

There are only six SLAMS stations in the statewide ambient air monitoring network. Most of the stations were established for regulatory compliance and trends tracking and have been operating for at least a decade. As the historical ambient air data shows, excluding exceptional and natural events such as fireworks and the volcano, most of the time, Hawaii is fortunate to have clean air. The following table summarizes each pollutant's relative importance in the state's SLAMS network.



**Table 3. Pollutant Specific Summaries**

CO				
Importance relative to other pollutants:	Violates NAAQS	Near NAAQS	Used as an Indicator	Well below NAAQS
				✓
Current SLAMS stations monitoring for CO:	KA (NCORE) 150030010	DH (Trends) 150031001		
Maintain CO monitoring for the following reasons:	NCORE requirement			
	NAAQS compliance			
	Upcoming NAAQS review			
	Design Value (2006-2008):	KA (NCORE)	DH (Trends)	
Maximum 1-hour average:	2.5 ppm; 7% of standard	2.2 ppm; 6% of standard		
Maximum 8-hour average:	0.8 ppm; 9% of standard	1.1 ppm 12% of standard		
Recommendation:	1. Maintain current CO monitoring sites, do not add new sites unless required by new NAAQS revision			
	2. Re-evaluate scale for DH station, probe has been moved and no longer meets middle scale requirements. Monitoring at this station should be for area-wide impact.			
	3. Start trace level monitoring at the NCORE station (KA) by January 1, 2011			

NO <sub>2</sub>				
Importance relative to other pollutants:	Violates NAAQS	Near NAAQS	Used as an Indicator	Well below NAAQS
			✓	✓
Current SLAMS stations monitoring for NO <sub>2</sub> :	KA (NCORE) 150030010	WB 150030011		
Maintain NO <sub>2</sub> monitoring for the following reasons:	NCORE requirement			
	NAAQS compliance			
	New NAAQS monitoring requirement			
Design Value (2006-2008):	KA (NCORE)		WB	
Maximum daily 98 <sup>th</sup> percentile 1-hour average:	0.025 ppm; 25% of standard		0.022 ppm; 22% of standard	
3-year annual average:	0.005 ppm; 9% of standard		0.003 ppm; 6% of standard	
Recommendation:				
1. Consider NO <sub>2</sub> in place of SO <sub>2</sub> at downtown Honolulu station (DH); continue monitoring at KA (NCORE) station and start trace level monitoring by January 1, 2011.				
2. Stop monitoring at WB station in favor of new near-road monitoring requirement. WB is a low-value site.				

O <sub>3</sub>				
Importance relative to other pollutants:	Violates NAAQS	Near NAAQS	Used as an Indicator	Well below NAAQS
Current SLAMS stations monitoring for O <sub>3</sub> :	SI 150031004			
Maintain O <sub>3</sub> monitoring for the following reasons:	NAAQS compliance; required for the MSA Required at NCORE			
Design Value (2006-2008):	SI			
3-year average of 4 <sup>th</sup> highest daily max:	0.039 ppm; 52% of the standard			
Recommendation:				
1. Station has siting problems. Consider using NCORE station for O <sub>3</sub> monitoring and close station after 3 years of data comparison.				



SO <sub>2</sub>					
Importance relative to other pollutants:	Violates NAAQS	Near NAAQS	Used as an Indicator	Well below NAAQS	✓
Current SLAMS stations monitoring for SO <sub>2</sub> :	KA (NCORE) 150030010	DH (Trends) 150031001	WB 150030011		
Maintain SO <sub>2</sub> monitoring for the following reasons:	NCORE requirement				
	NAAQS compliance				
Design Value (2006-2008):	KA (NCORE)	DH	WB		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Maximum 3-hour average:	0.007 ppm; 1% of standard	0.014 ppm; 3% of standard	0.008 ppm; 2% of standard		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Maximum 24-hour average:	0.003 ppm; 2% of standard	0.004 ppm; 3% of standard	0.003 ppm; 2% of standard		
3-year annual average:	0.002 ppm; 6% of standard	0.001 ppm; 2% of standard	0.001 ppm; 3% of standard		
Recommendation:					
1. Maintain current SO <sub>2</sub> monitoring as SLAMS and NCORE at KA station					
2. Stop SO <sub>2</sub> monitoring at DH and WB stations. WB is a low-value site.					

<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>					
Importance relative to other pollutants:	Violates NAAQS	Near NAAQS	Used as an Indicator	Well below NAAQS	✓
Current stations monitoring for PM <sub>2.5</sub> :	KA (NCORE) 150030010	DH (Trends) 150031001	PC 150032004	SI 150031004	KH 150090006
Maintain PM <sub>2.5</sub> monitoring for the following reasons:	NCORE requirement NAAQS compliance				
Design Value (2006-2008):	Pollutant of concern in urban areas				
3-yr average of 98 <sup>th</sup> percentile 24-hr. values:	KA 12 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	DH 10 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	PC 10 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	SI 11 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	KH 12 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Maximum annual average:	4.1 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	4 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	4 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	5.2 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	5 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Recommendation:</b> 1. Close PM <sub>2.5</sub> at SI, does not meet background objective, DH site within 1 mile 2. Maintain PM <sub>2.5</sub> at KA as SLAMS and NCORE					

<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>					
Importance relative to other pollutants:	Violates NAAQS	Near NAAQS	Used as an Indicator	Well below NAAQS	✓
Current SLAMS stations monitoring for PM <sub>10</sub> :	KA (NCORE) 150030010	DH (Trends) 150031001	PC 150032004	WB 150030011	
Maintain PM <sub>10</sub> monitoring for the following reasons:	NAAQS compliance				
Design Value (2006-2008):	Pollutant of concern for the MSA				
Maximum 24-hour average:	KA 75 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	DH 33 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	PC 87 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	WB 52 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Number of exceedances averaged over 3 yrs:	0	0	0	0	
<b>Recommendation:</b> 1. Stop monitoring at WB station. WB is a low-value site. 2. Use DH and PC as NAAQS compliance sites 3. Change PM <sub>10</sub> monitoring at KA (NCORE) to PM <sub>6</sub>					



Pb				
Importance relative to other pollutants:	Violates NAAQS	Near NAAQS	Used as an Indicator	Well below NAAQS ✓
Current stations monitoring for Pb:	PC 150032004 (Air Toxics SPM)			
Maintain Pb monitoring for the following reasons:	Possible NCORE requirement			
	NAAQS compliance			
Design Value (2006-2008):	PC			
Number of exceedances averaged over 3 yrs:	0			
Max 3-month mean concentration:	0.01 µg/m <sup>3</sup> , 7% of the standard			
Recommendation:				
1. Maintain current Pb monitoring station (PC)				
2. Add Pb monitoring at NCORE if required				

Based on the SLAMS network evaluation, following are the station and pollutant value ranks:

**Table 4. Value Ranking of SLAMS Stations and Pollutants**

RANK	Station ID	No. of Parameters Monitored	Years of Continuous Operation	Highest Design Value of all Pollutants Measured	Pollutant Rank of Priority for SLAMS
1	KA <sup>1</sup> (NCORE)	6	19 <sup>4</sup>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>
2	DH (Trends)	4	38	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>
3	PC	3 <sup>3</sup>	31	PM <sub>10</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>
4	SI	2	29	O <sub>3</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>
5	KH <sup>2</sup>	1	11	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	CO
6	WB	3	19	PM <sub>10</sub>	Pb
7					SO <sub>2</sub>

<sup>1</sup> KA (Kapolei 150030010) monitoring includes PM<sub>2.5</sub> speciation

<sup>2</sup> KH (Kihei 150090006) is not in the MSA

<sup>3</sup> PC (Pearl City 150012004) parameters monitored includes Air Toxics

<sup>4</sup> Station was moved in 2002 approximately 200 yards of the previous location but maintained the same AQS number because the siting was the same

### III. Assessment

#### A. Population

##### 1. State Population Characteristics

- 2000 census population of 1,211,537
- Ranked 42 out of the 50 states in total population
- Although small in land mass (ranked 47<sup>th</sup>), Hawaii ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in overall population density at 188.6 persons per square mile
- There are four counties: Kauai; City and County of Honolulu; Maui; and Hawaii
- The City and County of Honolulu is the state capital, encompasses the entire island of Oahu, and has the largest population of all counties
- Honolulu is the only Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) in the state
- There are three Micropolitan Statistical Areas: Kapaa, Kauai; Kahului, Maui; and Hilo, Hawaii
- There are two Urban areas: Honolulu and Kailua, both on the island of Oahu
  - Urban area of Honolulu had a total 2000 census population of 718,182 and was ranked 45 out of 465 urban areas
  - Urban area of Kailua had a total 2000 census population of 117,730 and was ranked 226 out of 465 urban areas
- As shown in Figure 9, the county population rankings based on 2008 population estimates are:
  - 1 Oahu
  - 2 Hawaii
  - 3 Maui (includes Lanai, Molokai, Kahoolawe)
  - 4 Kauai (includes Niihau)

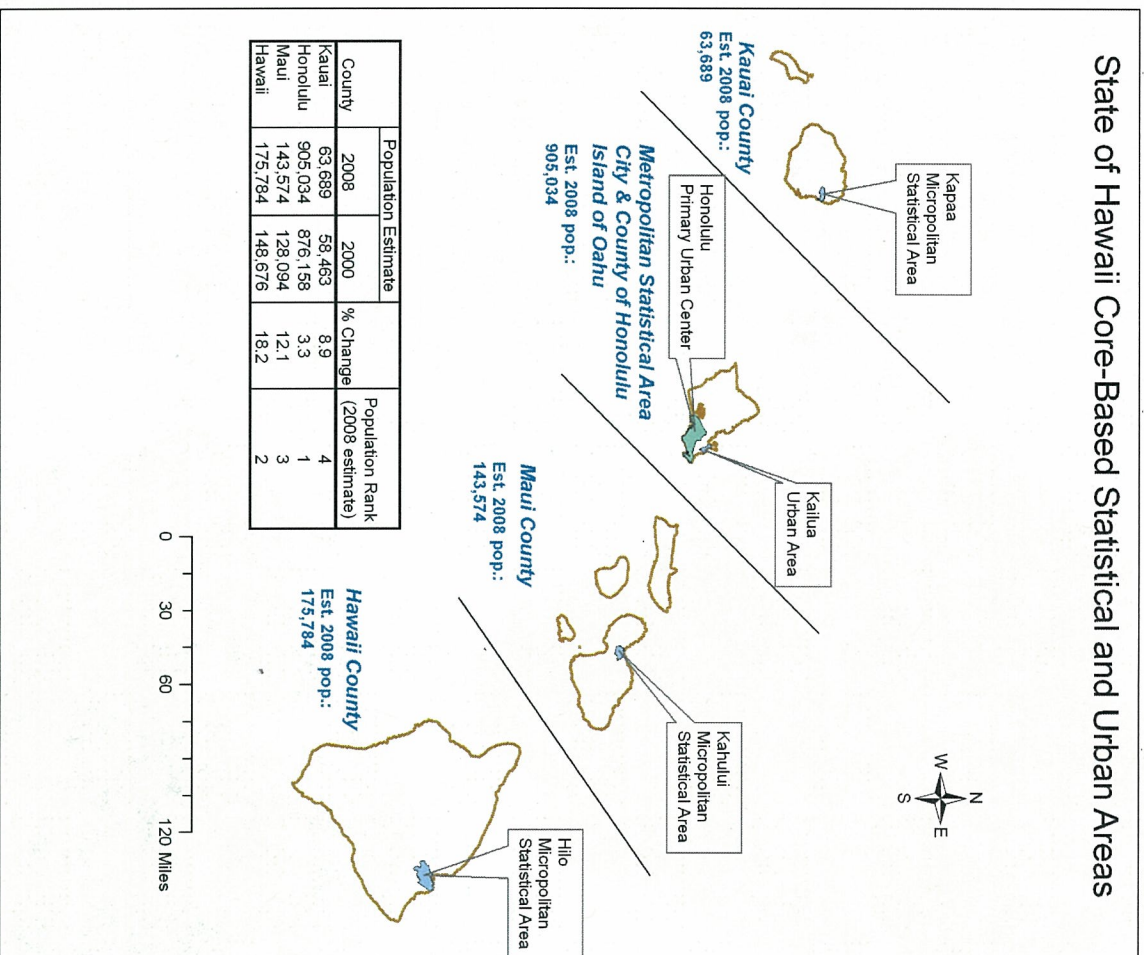
As expected, the population of “sensitive” groups follows the county population ranking, with Oahu having the largest population and percentage of children and elderly.

**Table 5. Resident Population by Age of “Sensitive” Groups**

	<5 years		5 to 13 years		≥65 years	
	Population	% of state	Population	% of state	Population	% of state
State	87,207		134,025		221,748	
Kauai	3,974	5%	6,687	5%	11,167	5%
Oahu	61,903	71%	93,532	70%	162,406	73%
Maui	9,566	11%	15,445	11%	20,182	9%
Hawaii	11,764	13%	18,361	14%	27,993	13%



**Figure 9. State of Hawaii Population**



2008 population estimates from the 2008 State of Hawaii Data Book: Hawaii State Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism

## 2. County Population Characteristics

The following figures depict the population characteristics in Census Designated Places (CDP) of the four major populated islands based on the 2000 census. Additionally, the county planning departments on Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii have developed population growth projections of planning areas on those islands (Figures 12, 14, and 16). These projections aid in determining where the population increases are anticipated to occur within the next five years.

Figure 10.

# Island of Kauai: Population Characteristics

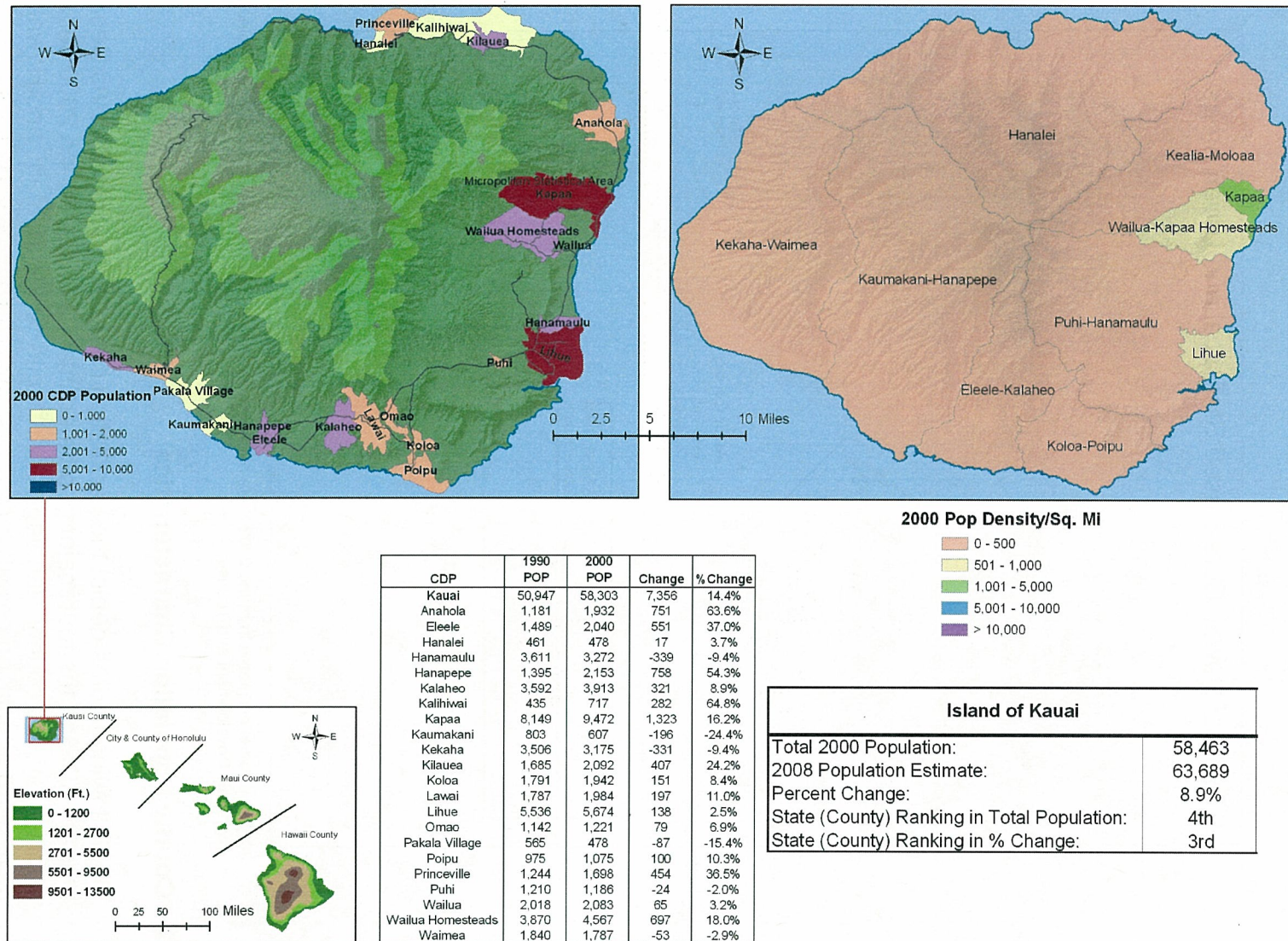




Figure 11.

# Honolulu MSA (Island of Oahu): Population Characteristics

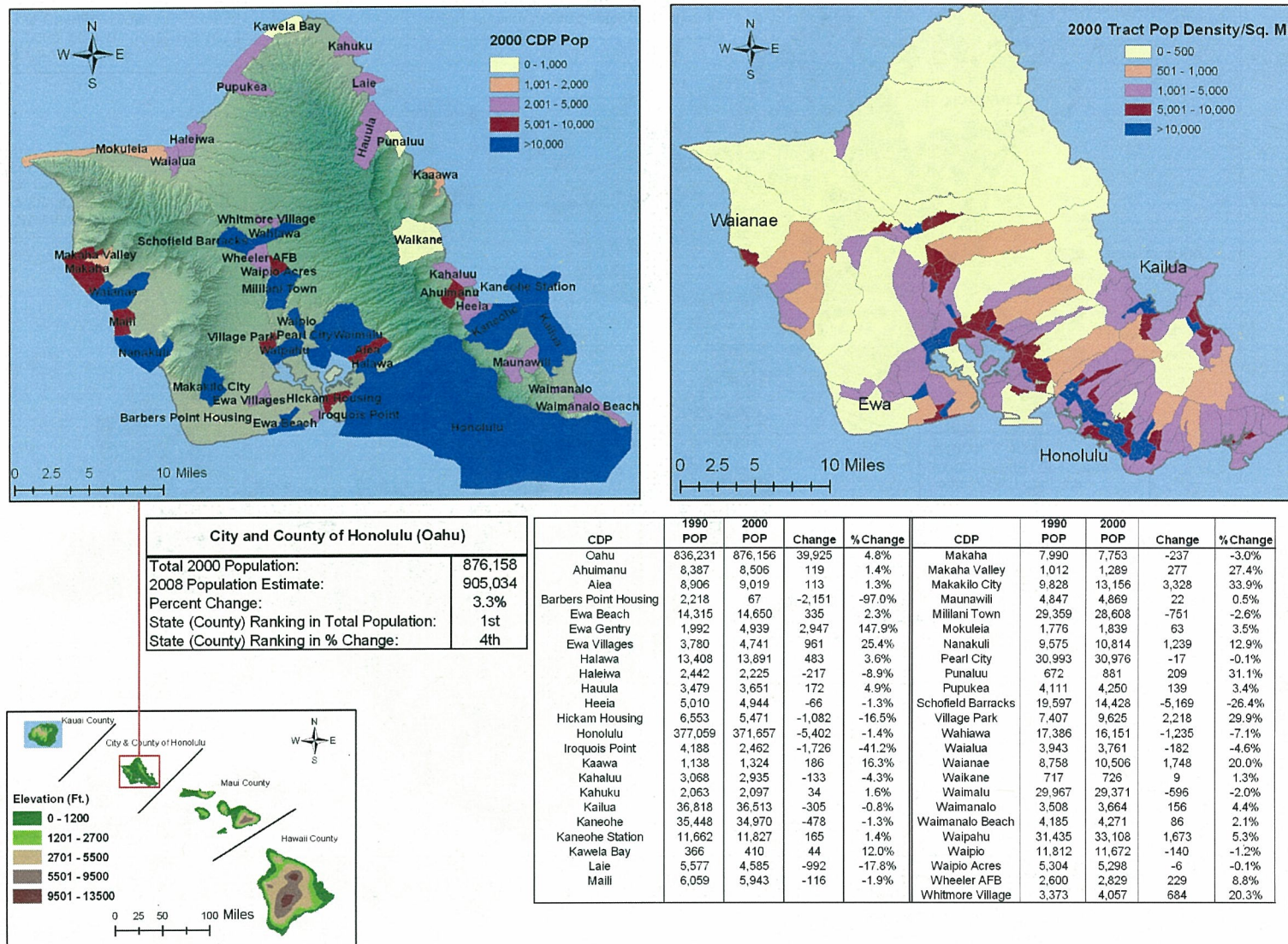
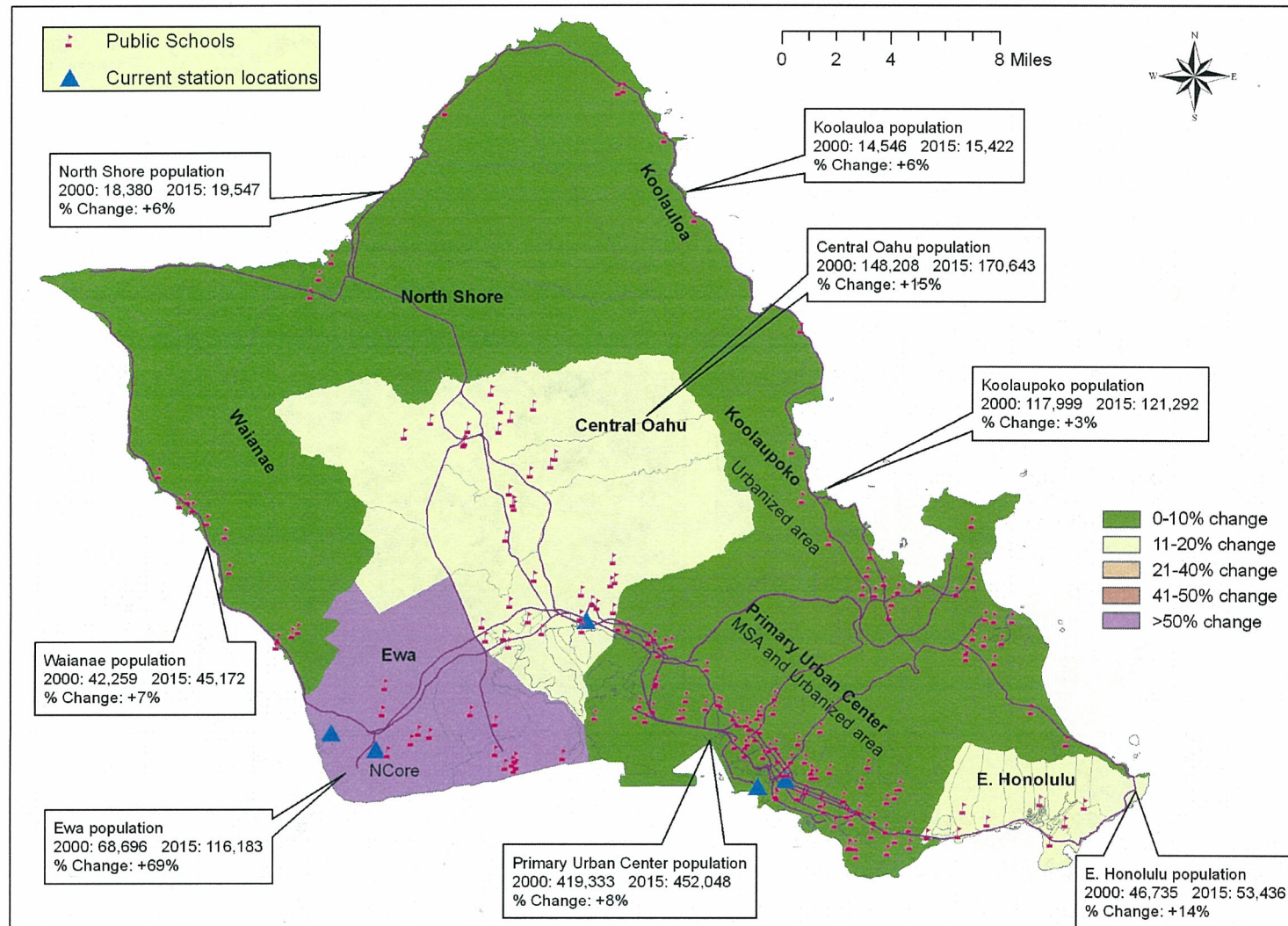




Figure 12.

# Honolulu MSA (Island of Oahu): Actual (2000) and Projected (2015) Populations



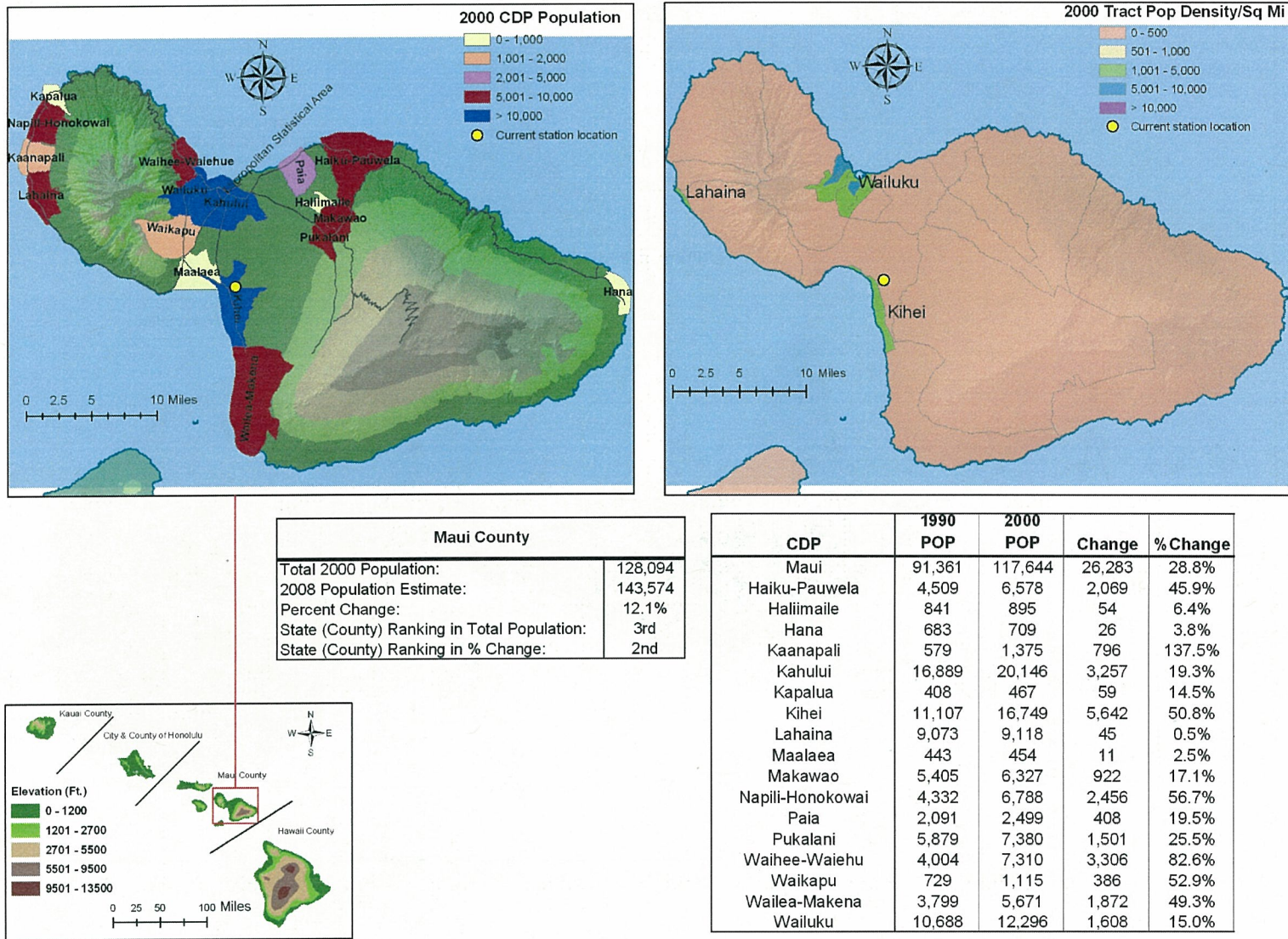
Source: City and County of Honolulu Dept. of Planning and Permitting  
Population projections by planning areas

Urbanized area: densely settled territory which consists of:  
1) core census block groups that have a population density of  $\geq 1,000/\text{sq. mile}$  and,  
2) surrounding census blocks that have an overall density of  $\geq 500/\text{sq. mile}$



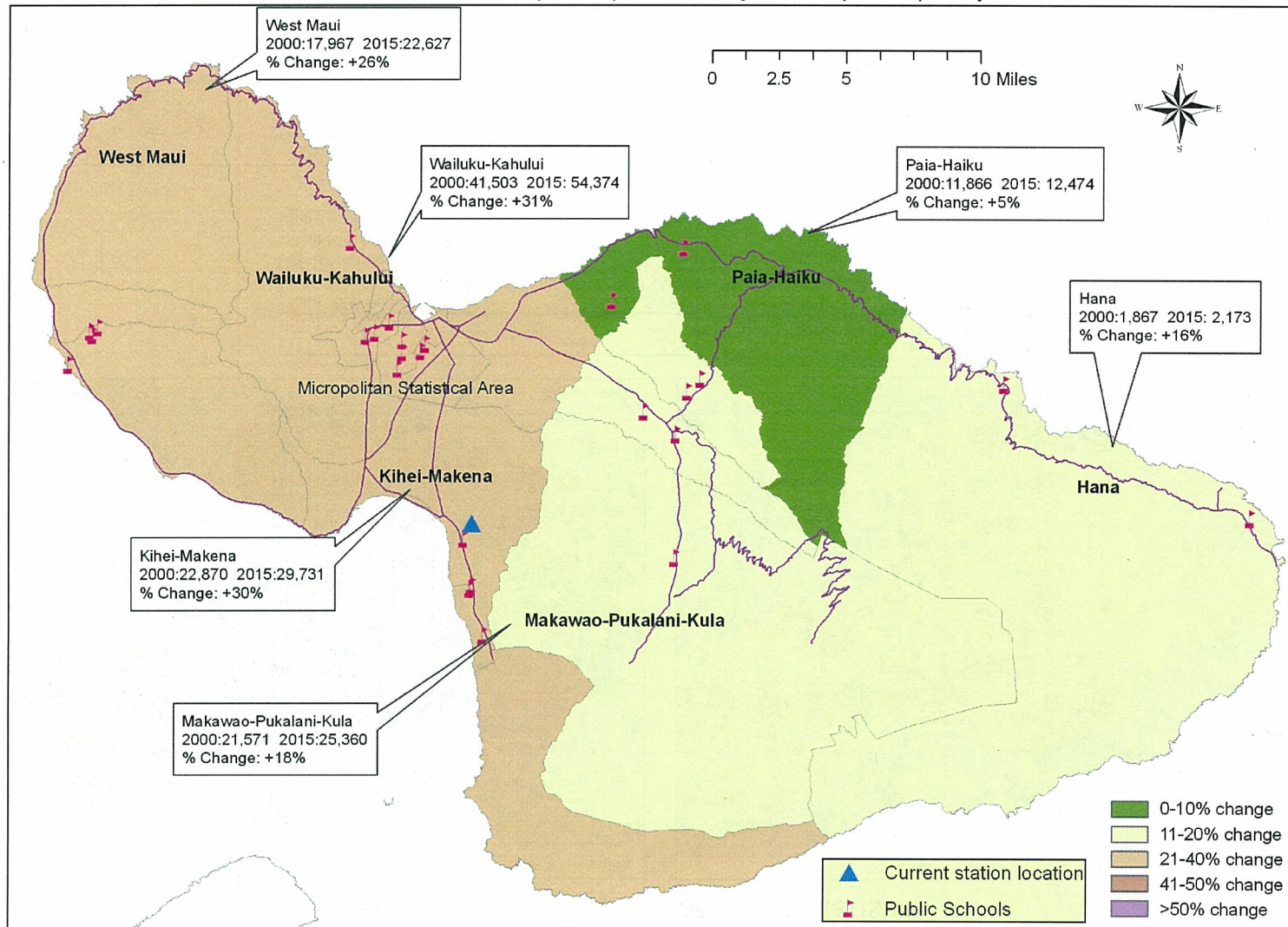
**Figure 13.**

# Island of Maui: Population Characteristics



**Figure 14.**

**Island of Maui: Actual (2000) and Projected (2015) Populations**



Source: Maui County Dept. of Planning  
Population projections by planning areas

Micropolitan Statistical Area: CBSA with  $\geq$  urban cluster of  $\geq 10,000$  to  $\leq 50,000$  population plus adjacent territory with a high degree of social & economic integration with the core



Figure 15.

## Island of Hawaii: Population Characteristics

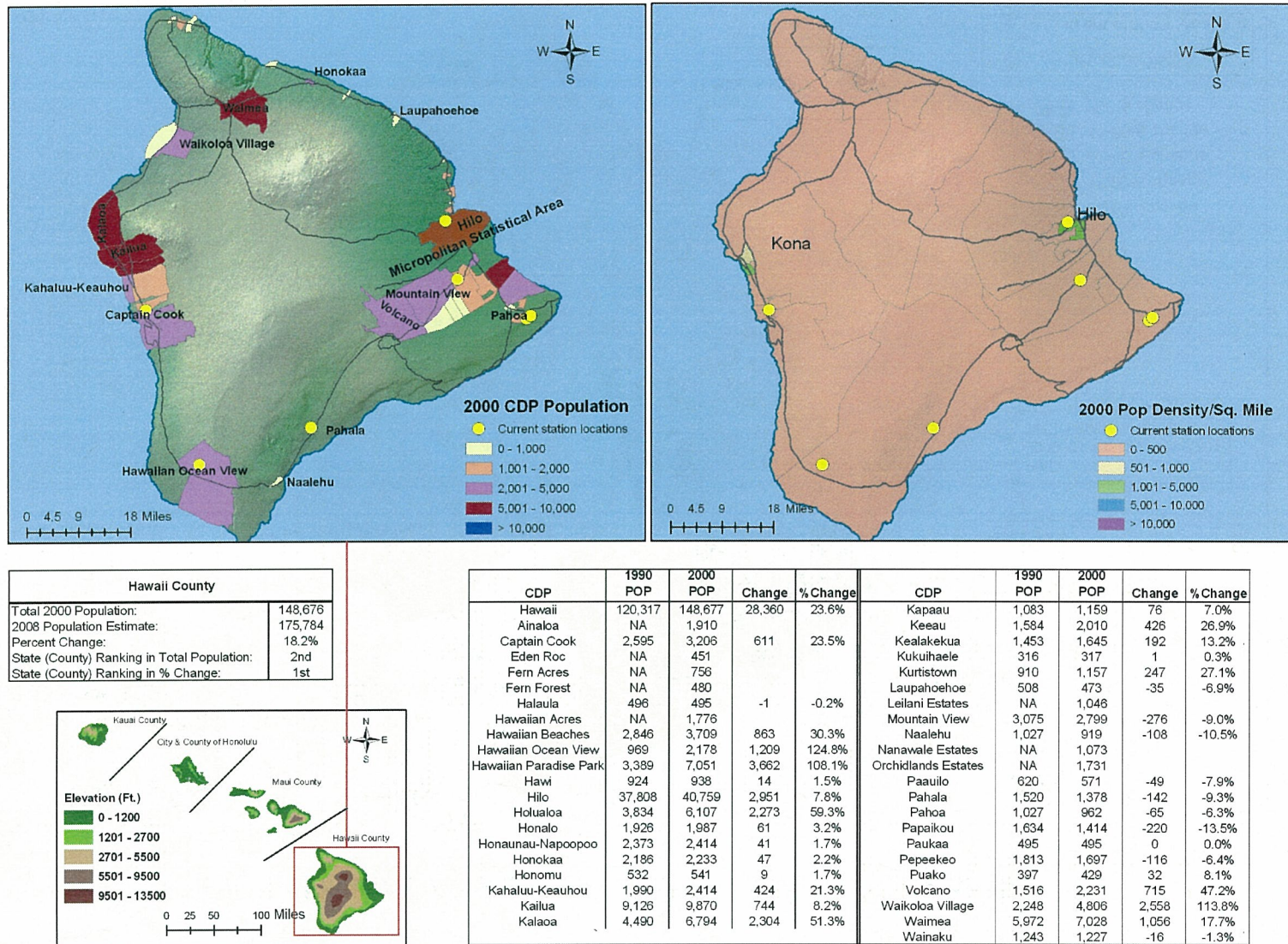
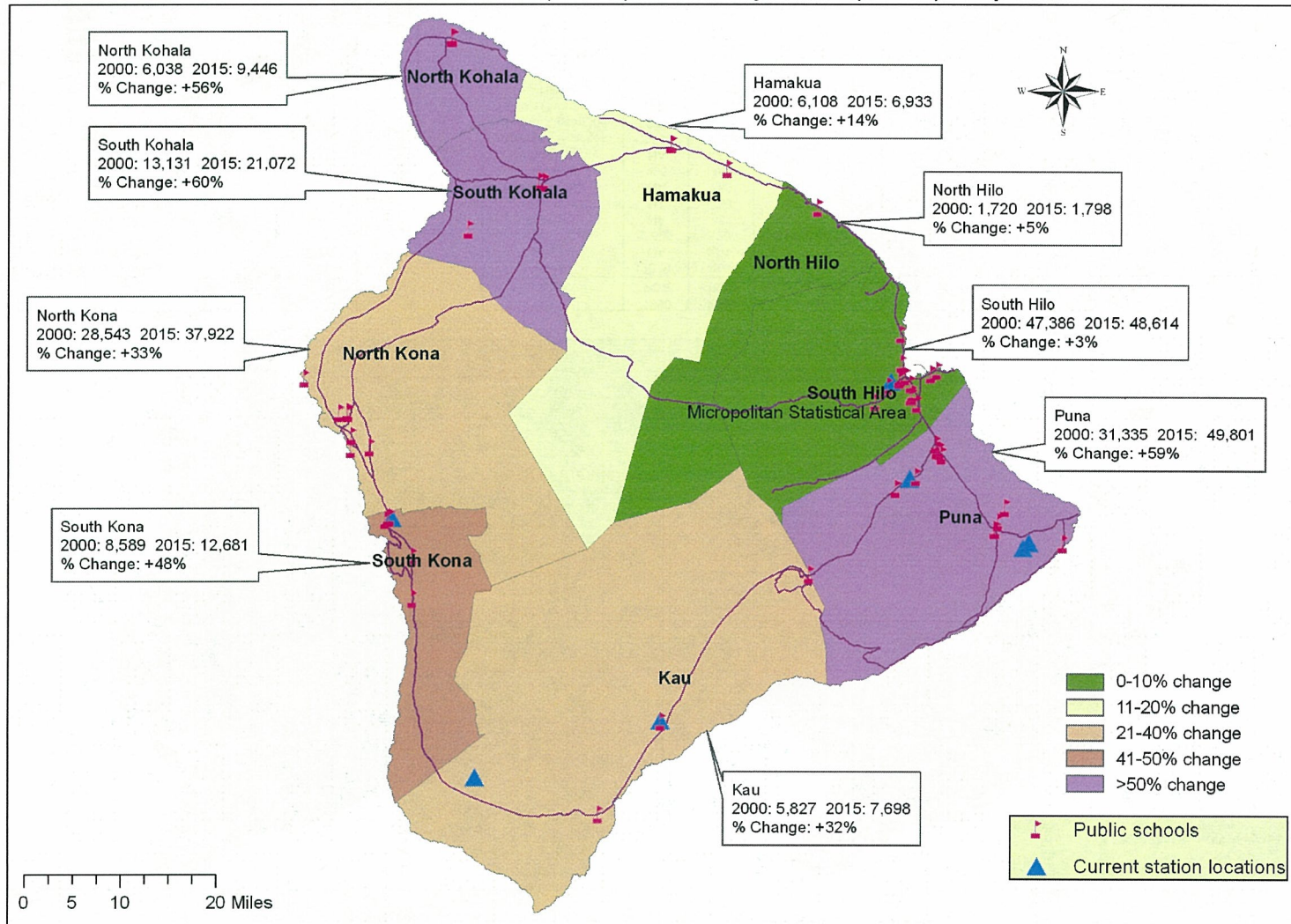




Figure 16.

Island of Hawaii: Actual (2000) and Projected (2015) Populations





### 3. Population Conclusions

- KAUAI
  - Kapaa is the largest population center, most densely populated and is a Micropolitan Statistical Area.
- OAHU
  - Honolulu is the capital, most populated primary urban center, and only MSA in the state;
  - Kailua, on the windward side of the island, is the only other urban area in the state;
  - The highest population growth is occurring in the Ewa planning area. The NCORE station will be established in this community.
  - Although ranked first in total population, Oahu had the least percent population increase of the four major islands.
- MAUI
  - The most populated areas are in the communities of Wailuku-Kahului and Kihei;
  - The highest density area is in Wailuku-Kahului, which is also a Micropolitan Statistical Area;
  - Other than on Oahu, Wailuku-Kahului and Kihei are the only communities in the state with populations > 10,000.
- HAWAII
  - The island is the second highest in total population but because of the large land area, it has relatively low population densities;
  - The most populated areas are in Hilo, Puna and North Kona;
  - The areas with the highest expected growth are Puna and Kohala;
  - Hilo is a Micropolitan Statistical Area.

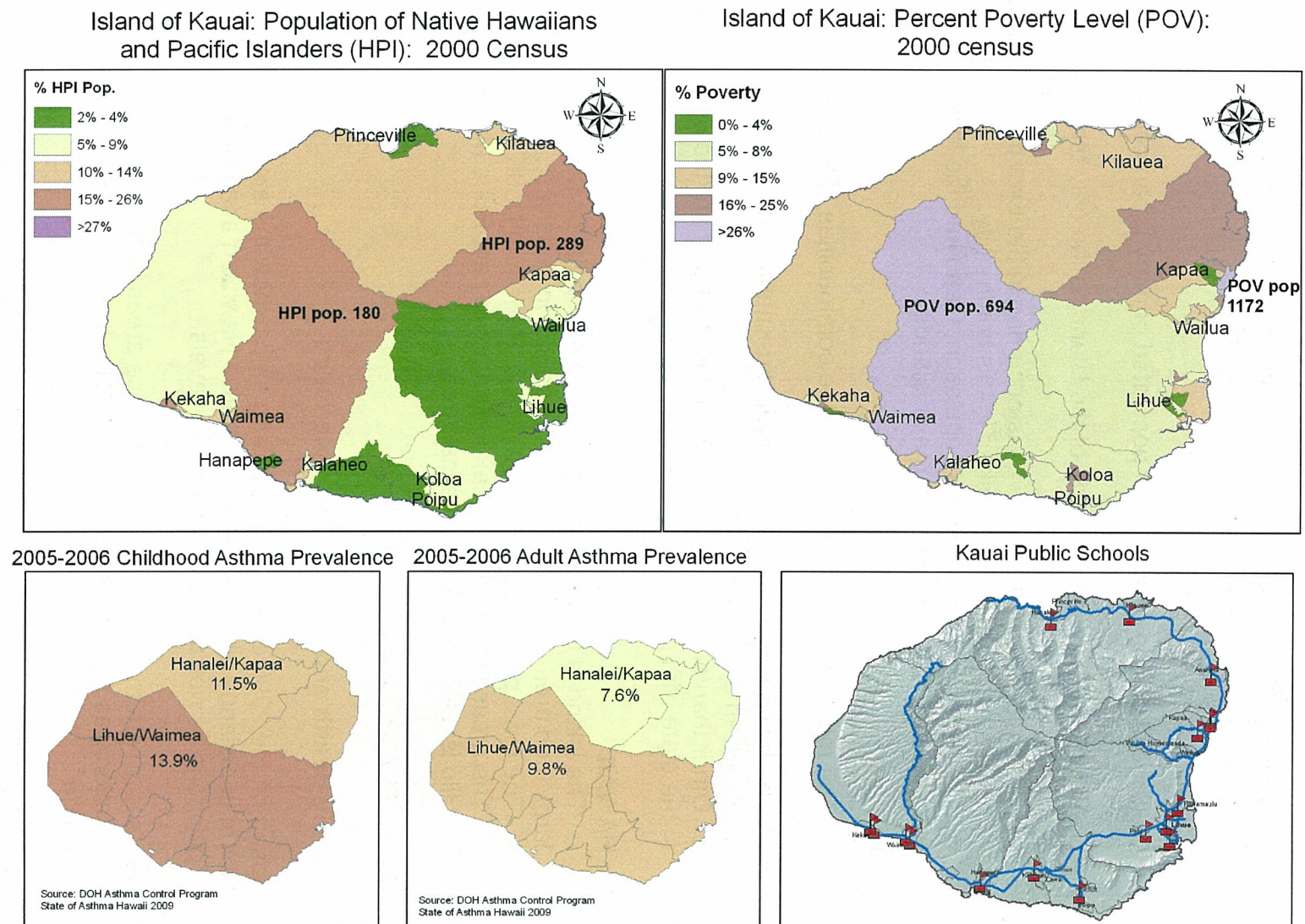
## B. Health and Environmental Justice

### 1. County Health and Poverty Characteristics

Based on the 2000 census, the following maps show the areas on each of the four major islands with the percent of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations as well as individual poverty levels.

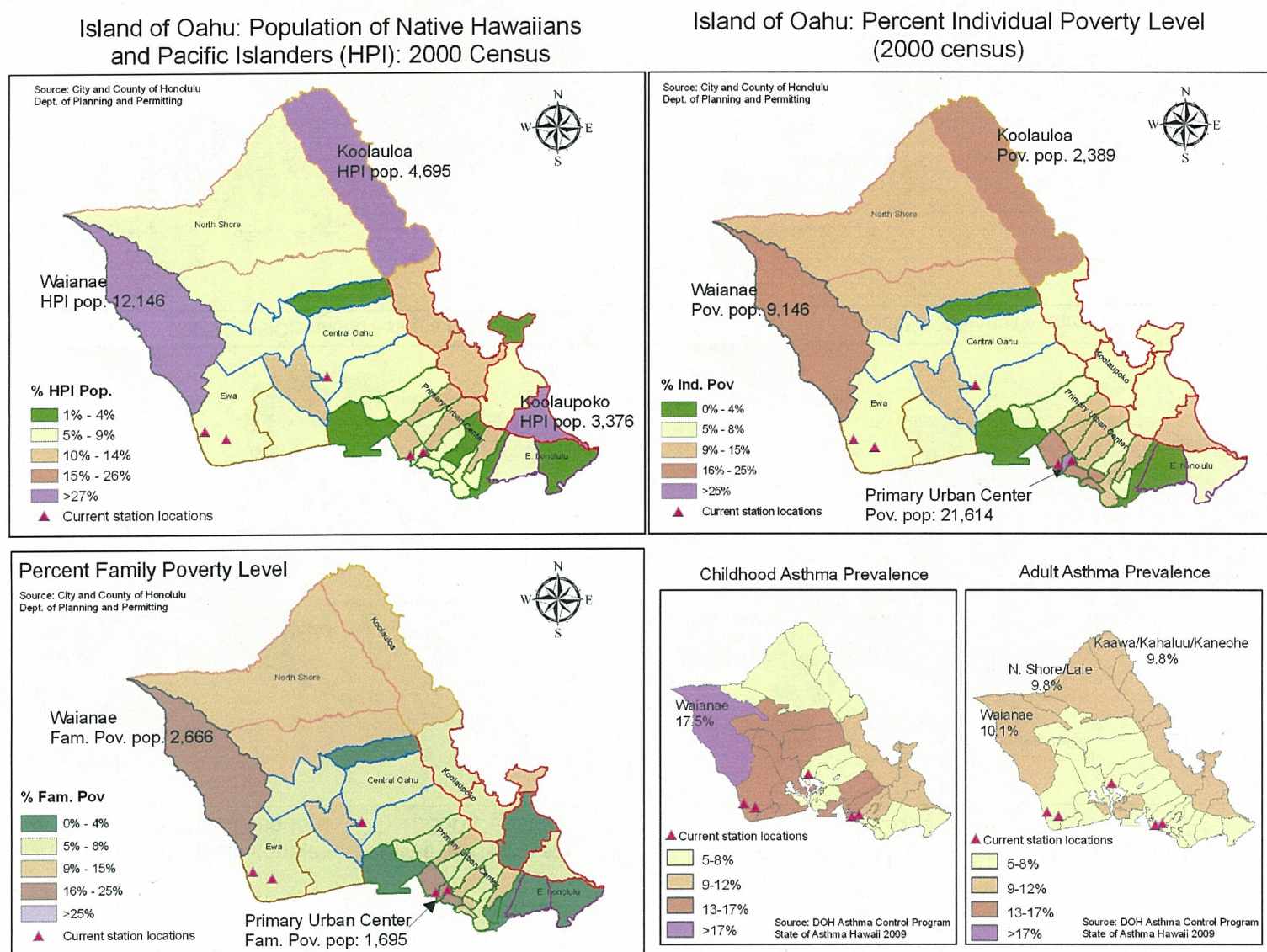
Also shown are maps of asthma prevalence areas in children and adults. Information was provided by the state's Department of Health, Asthma Control Program.

**Figure 17. Island of Kauai: HPI Population, Poverty Level, and Asthma Prevalence**





**Figure 18. Island of Oahu: HPI Population, Poverty Level, and Asthma Prevalence**





**Figure 19. Island of Maui: HPI Population, Poverty Level, and Asthma Prevalence**

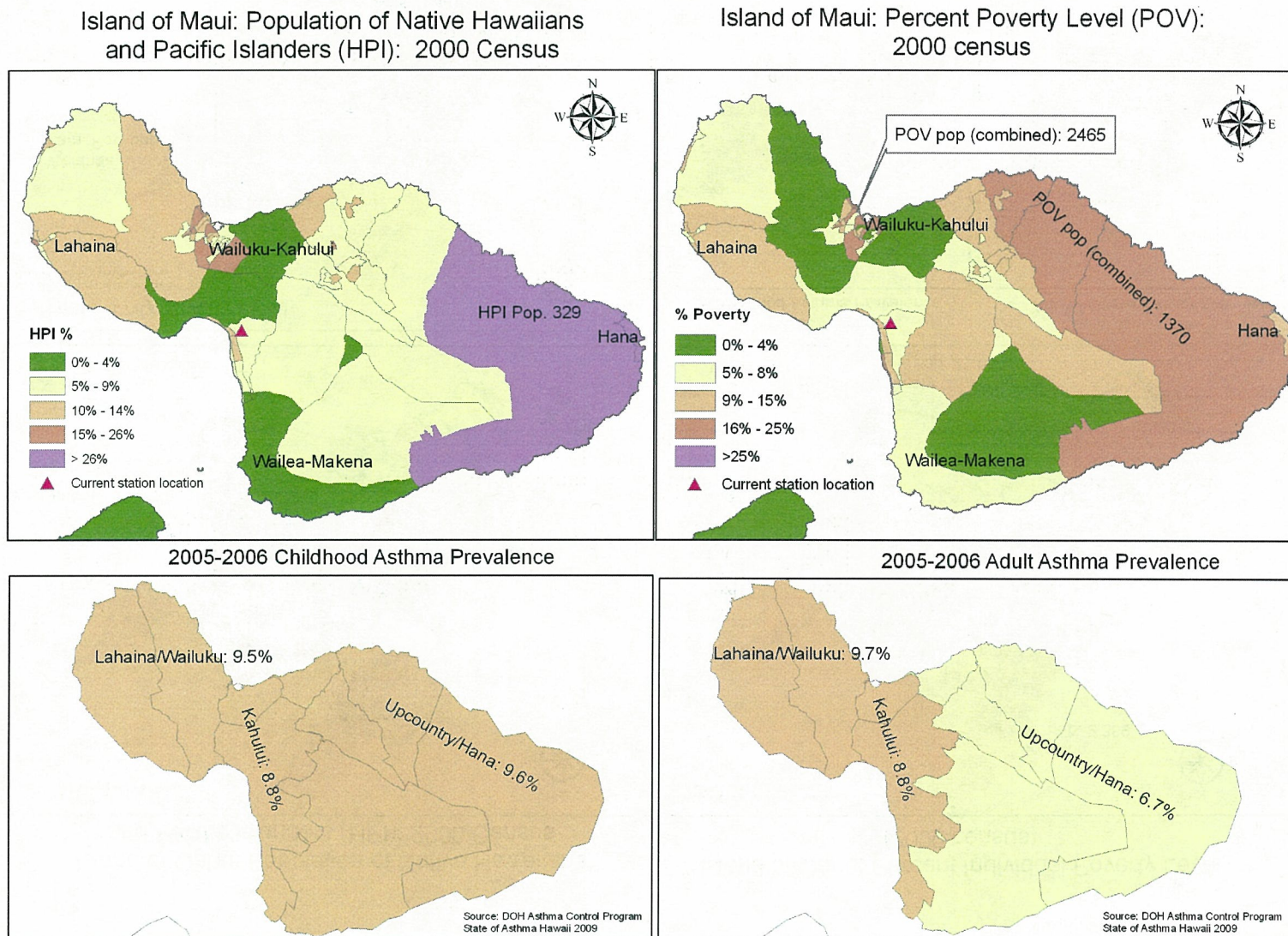
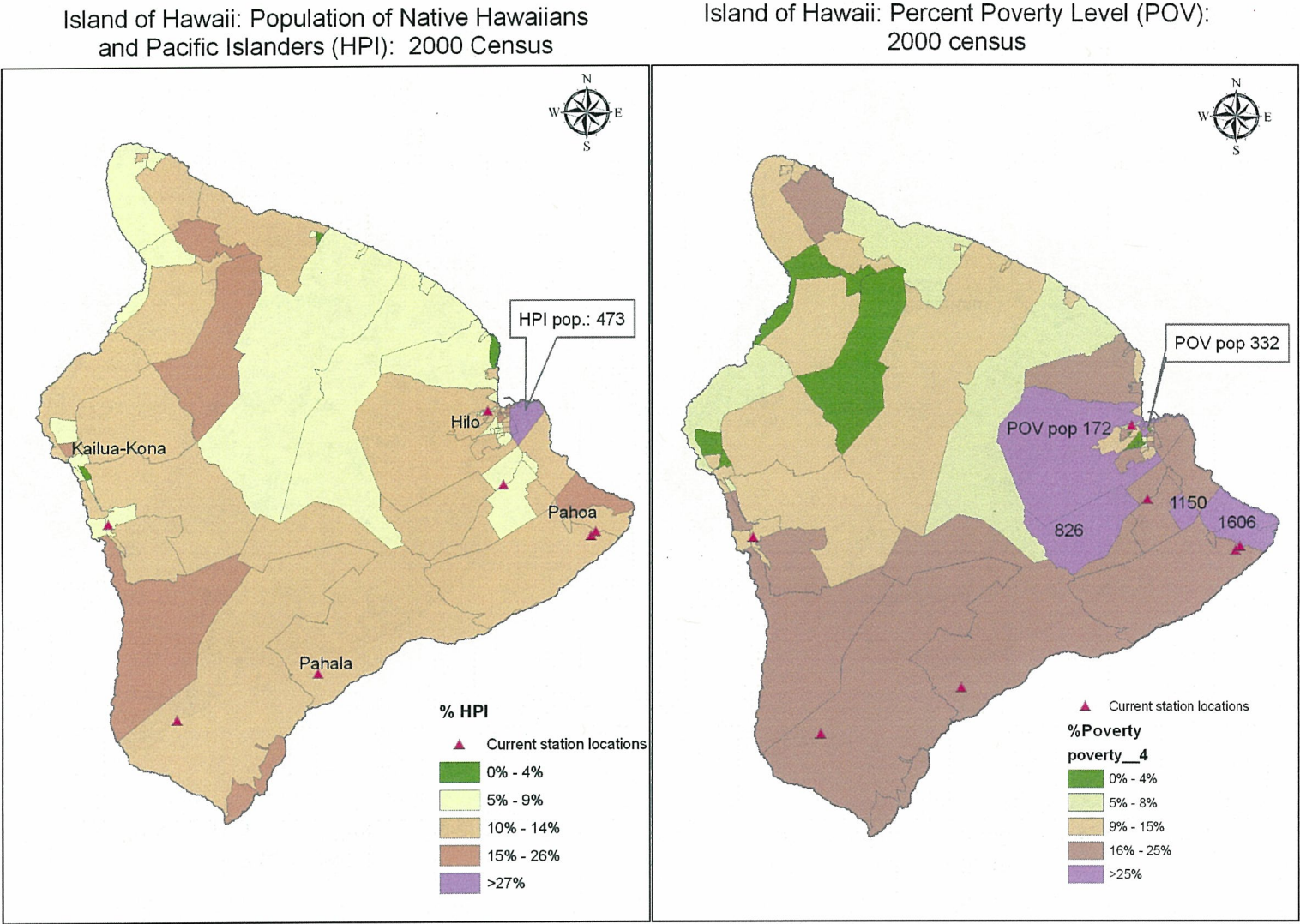
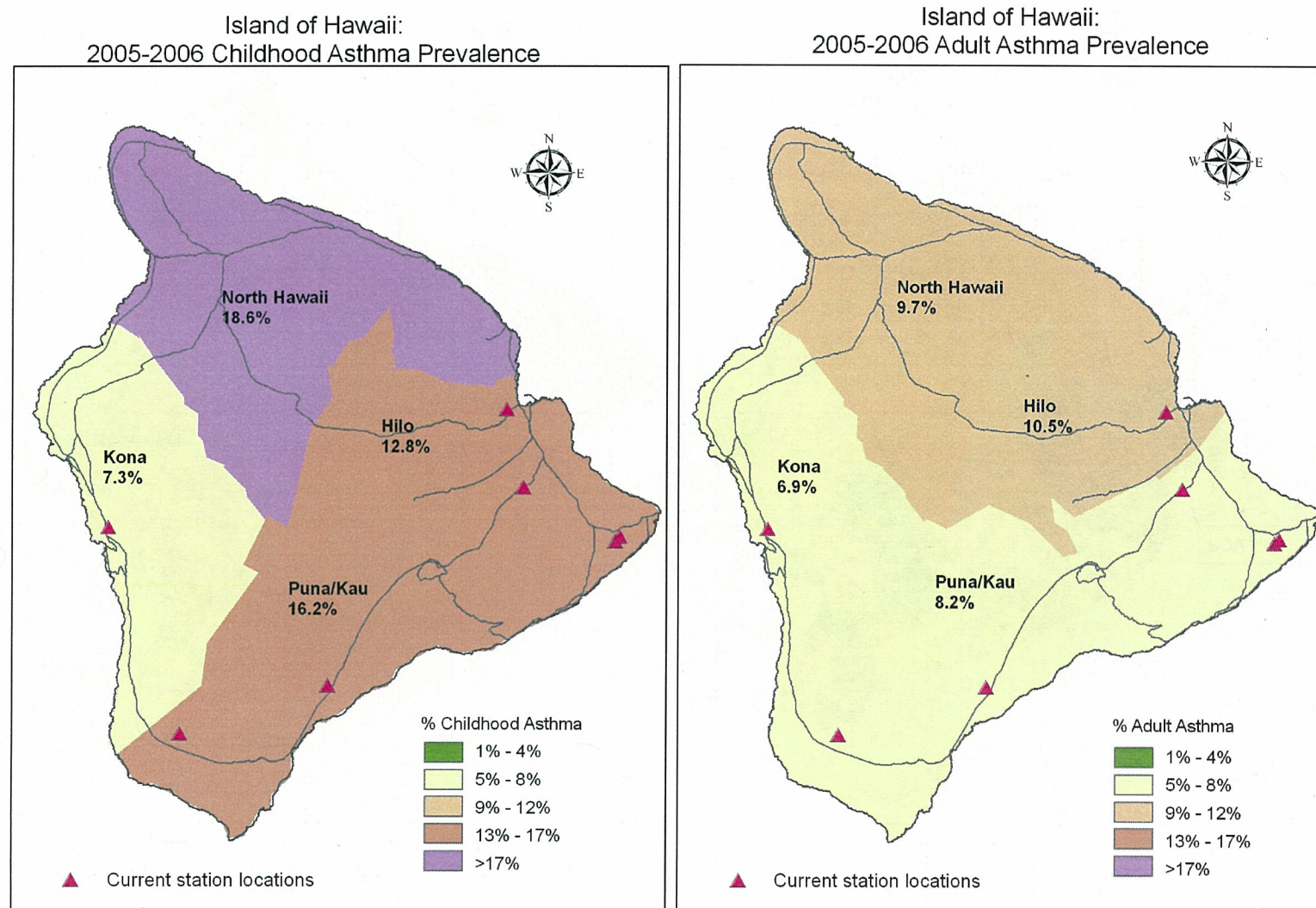




Figure 20. Island of Hawaii: HPI Population and Poverty Level



**Figure 21. Island of Hawaii: Asthma Prevalence**



Source: DOH Asthma Control Program  
State of Asthma Hawaii 2009

Source: DOH Asthma Control Program  
State of Asthma Hawaii 2009



## 2. Health and Environmental Justice Conclusions

- KAUAI
  - Highest HPI population is in the Kapaa area;
  - Highest poverty levels occur in a small portion of Kapaa and in the Waimea area;
  - A slightly higher percentage of both childhood and adult asthma occurs in the Lihue/Waimea area.
- OAHU
  - Highest HPI population both on Oahu and in the state is on the Waianae coast on the leeward side of the island;
  - Highest levels of individual and family poverty also occur on the Waianae coast;
  - Highest percentage of both childhood and adult asthma prevalence occurs on the Waianae coast.
- MAUI
  - Of all the four major islands, Maui has the least number of HPI population;
  - The majority of HPI on Maui reside in the Hana district;
  - Individual poverty levels are the highest in a small area of Wailuku-Kahului;
  - There is no statistical difference in childhood asthma prevalence among all areas of Maui;
  - There is a slightly higher percentage of adult asthma prevalence in the Lahaina/Wailuku area.
- HAWAII
  - The highest population of HPI and areas of poverty are all on the east side of the island, from Hilo to Puna;
  - Although the least vlog-impacted area on the island, by percentage of population, North Hawaii has the highest rate of childhood asthma on the island and in the state;
  - Similarly, North Hawaii including Hilo has the highest rate of adult asthma on the island.

## C. Emissions Inventory

### 1. Source Emissions Characteristics

All data are from the state's 2005 emissions inventory. Figures 22 to 27 show the total and source category emissions in tons per year. Figures 28 to 33 show the amount of criteria pollutants and VOCs by island.

Figure 22.

Total Emission (all sources) by Island: 2005 NEI

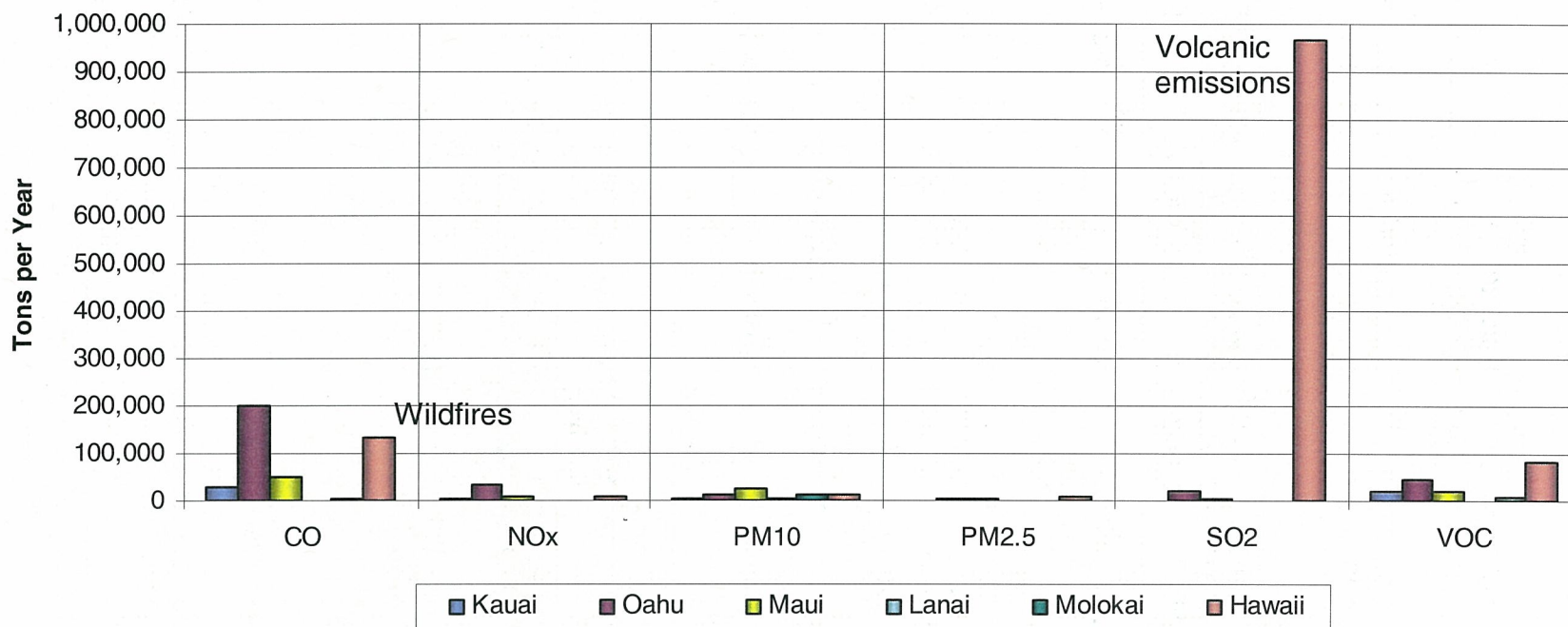
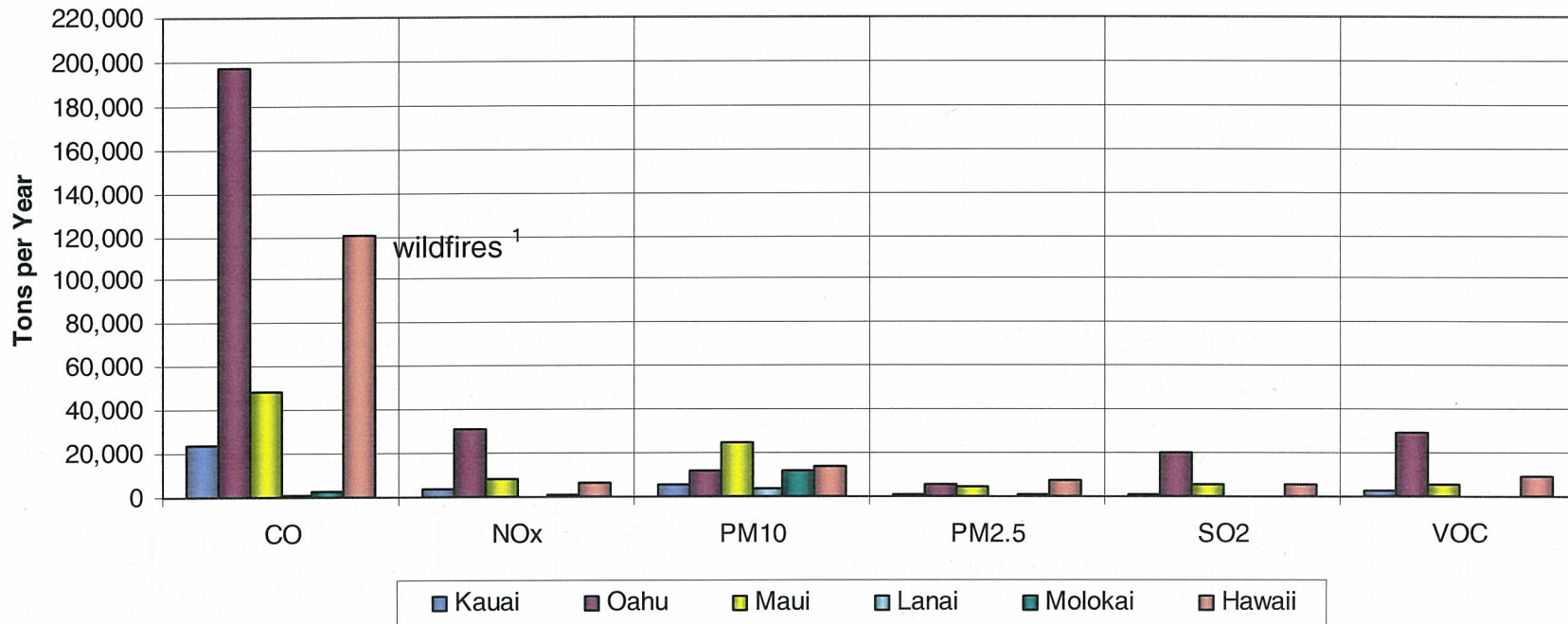




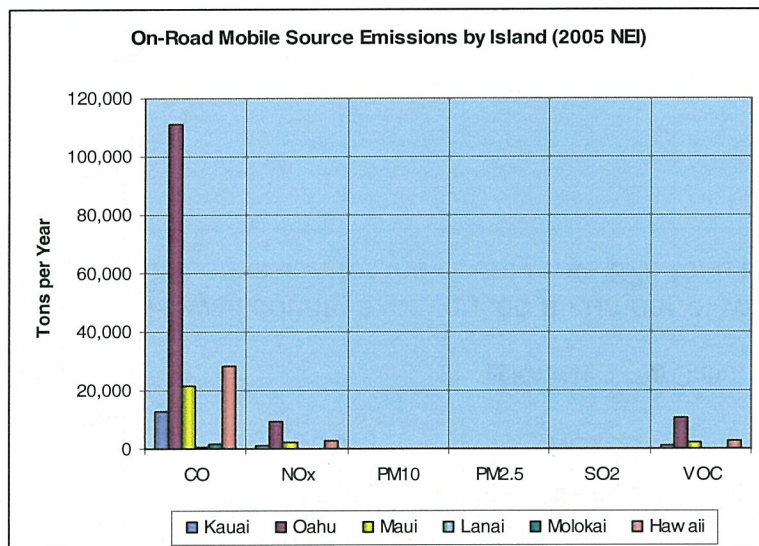
Figure 23.

**Total Emissions Excluding Biogenics by Island: 2005 NEI**

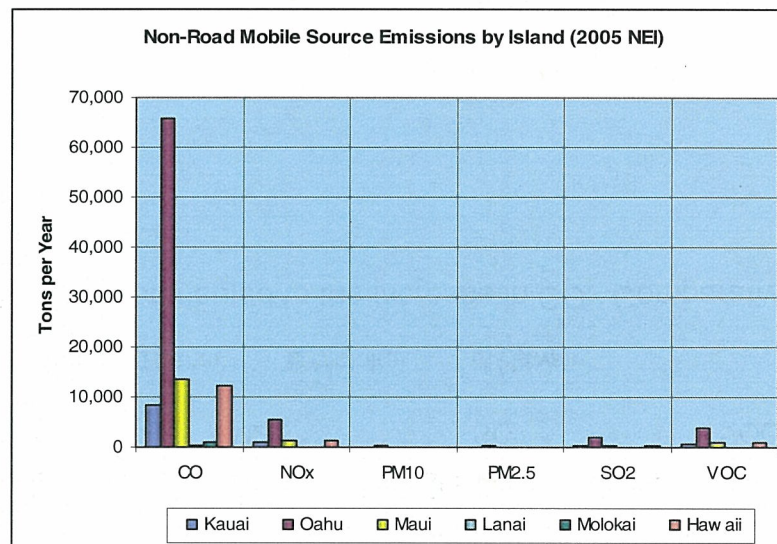


<sup>1</sup> In 2005, Hawaii county experienced a number of wildfires which contributed to the increase in CO. Comparatively, in 2002, the CO emission for the county was 676 tons per year.

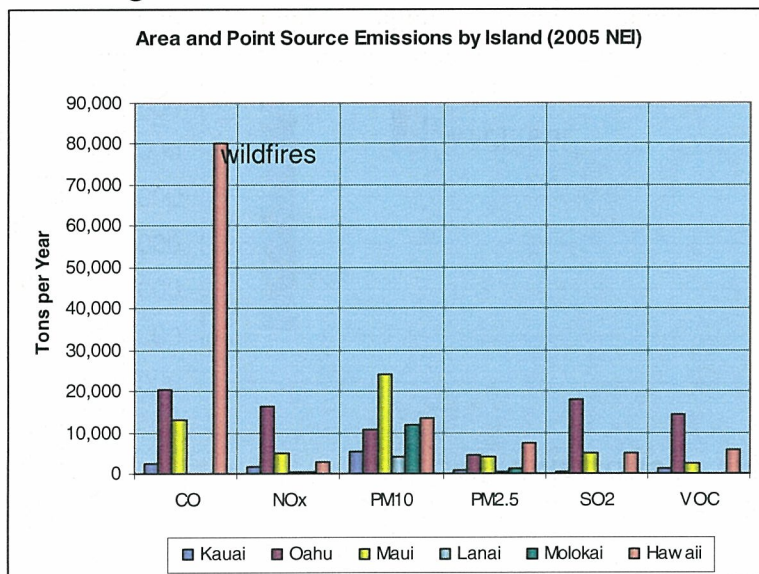
**Figure 24. On Road NEI**



**Figure 25. Non-Road NEI**



**Figure 26. Area and Point Source NEI**



**Figure 27. Biogenic NEI**

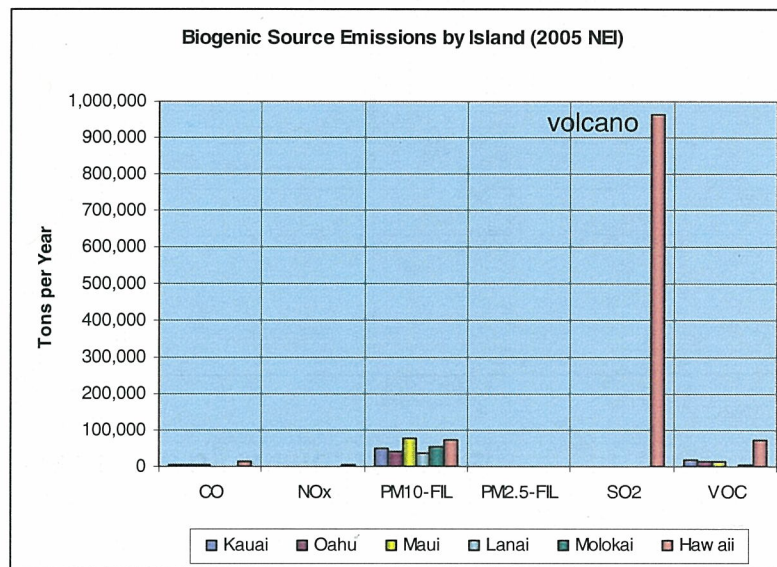
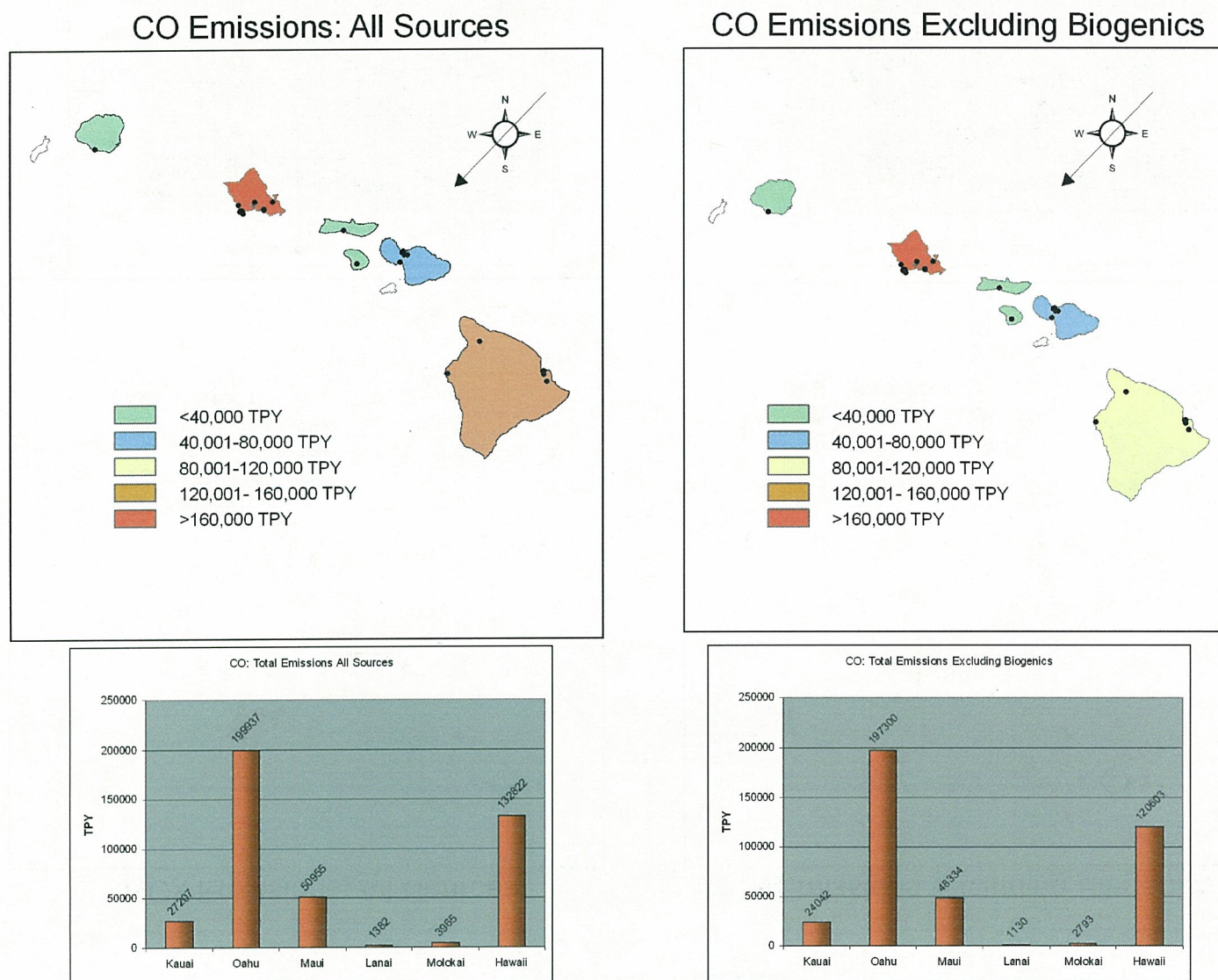
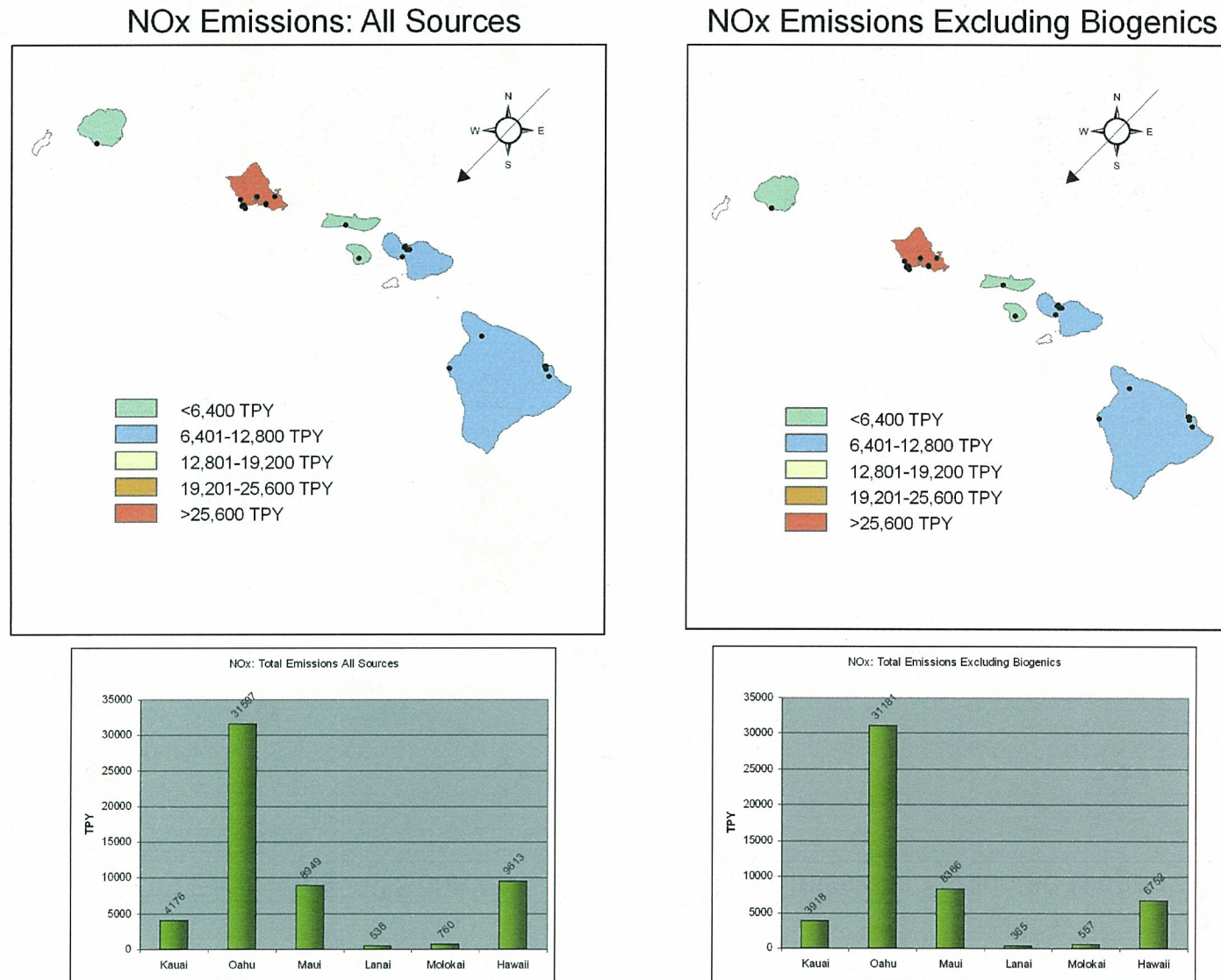




Figure 28. CO NEI

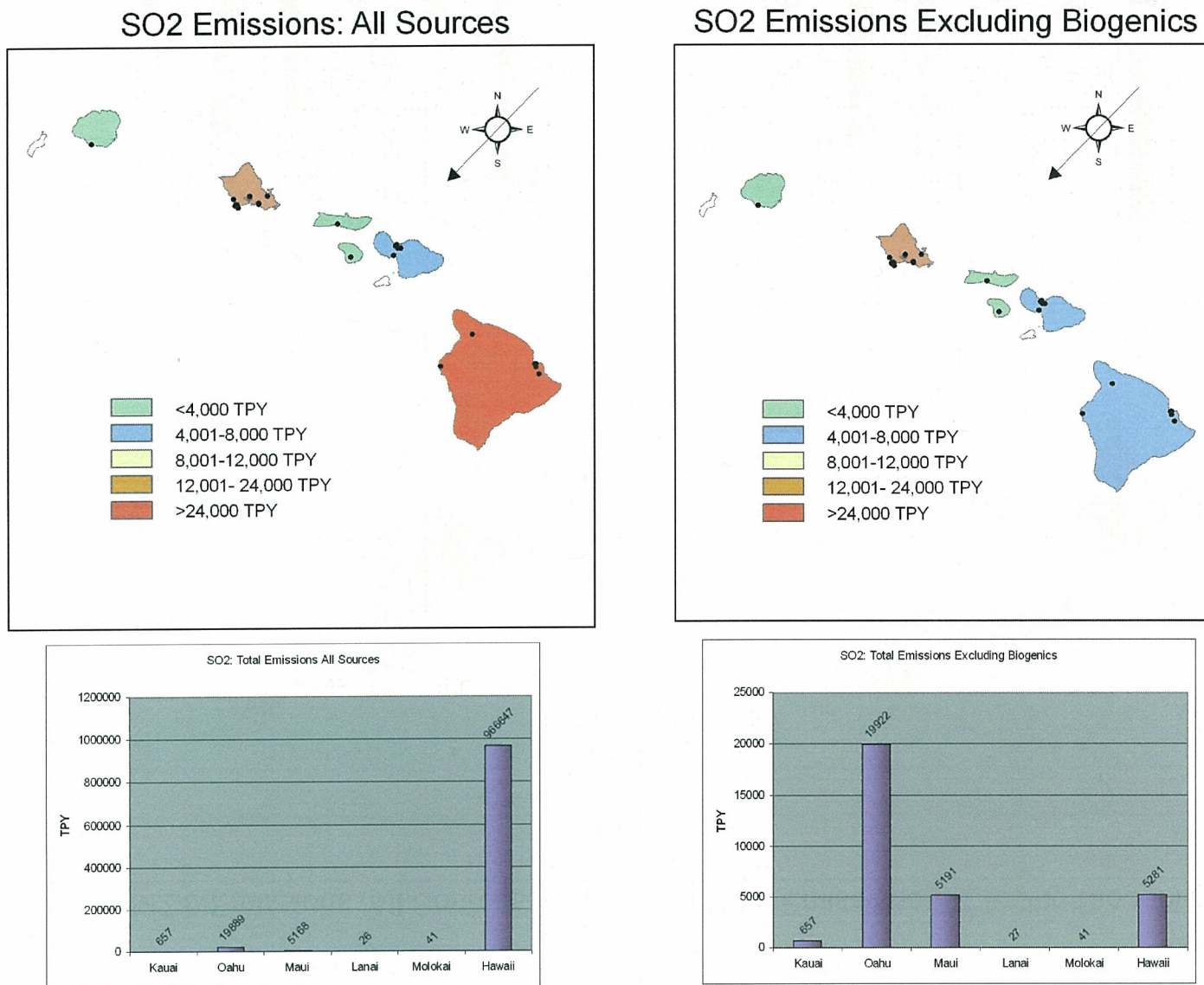


**Figure 29. NO<sub>x</sub> NEI**

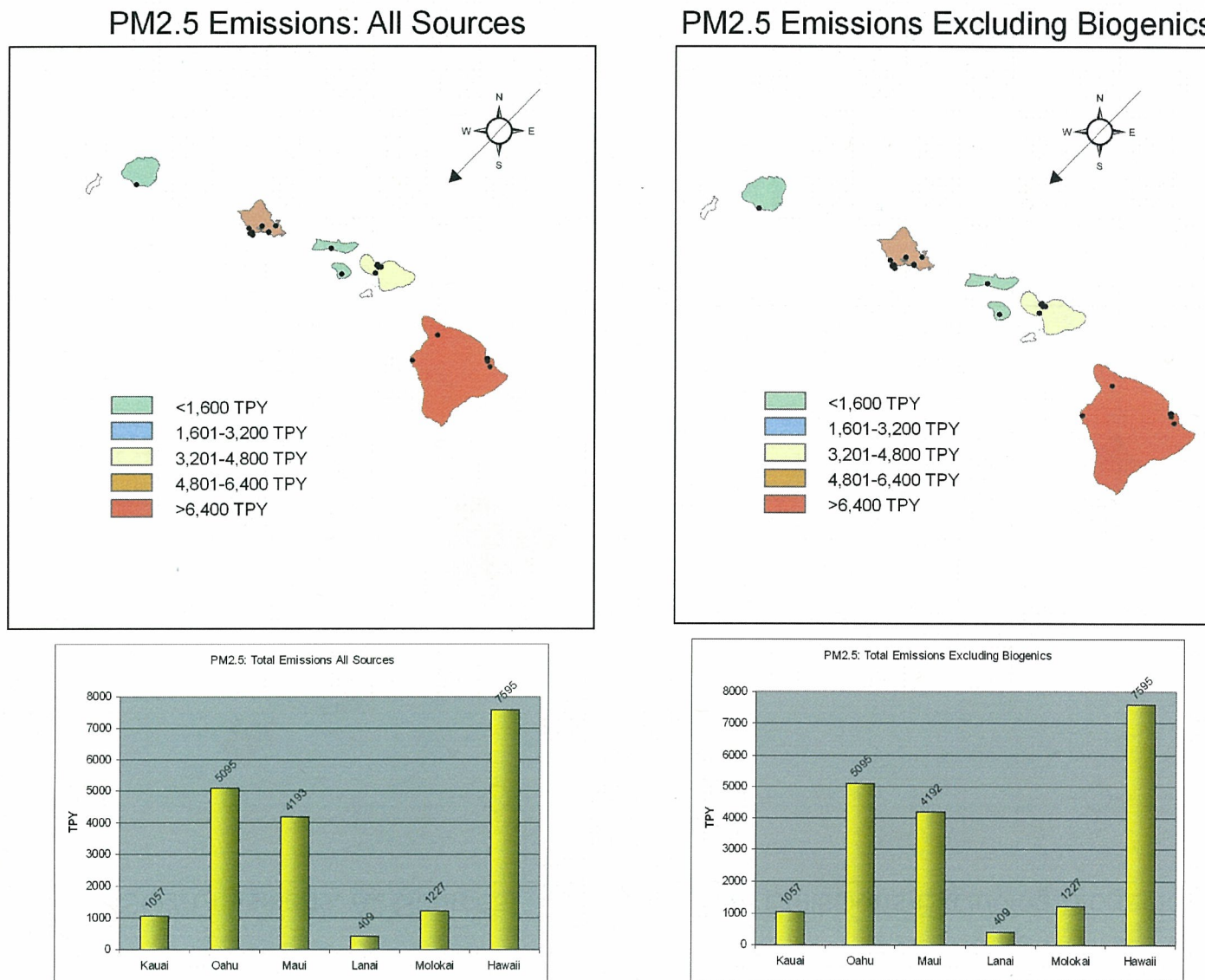




**Figure 30. SO2 NEI**

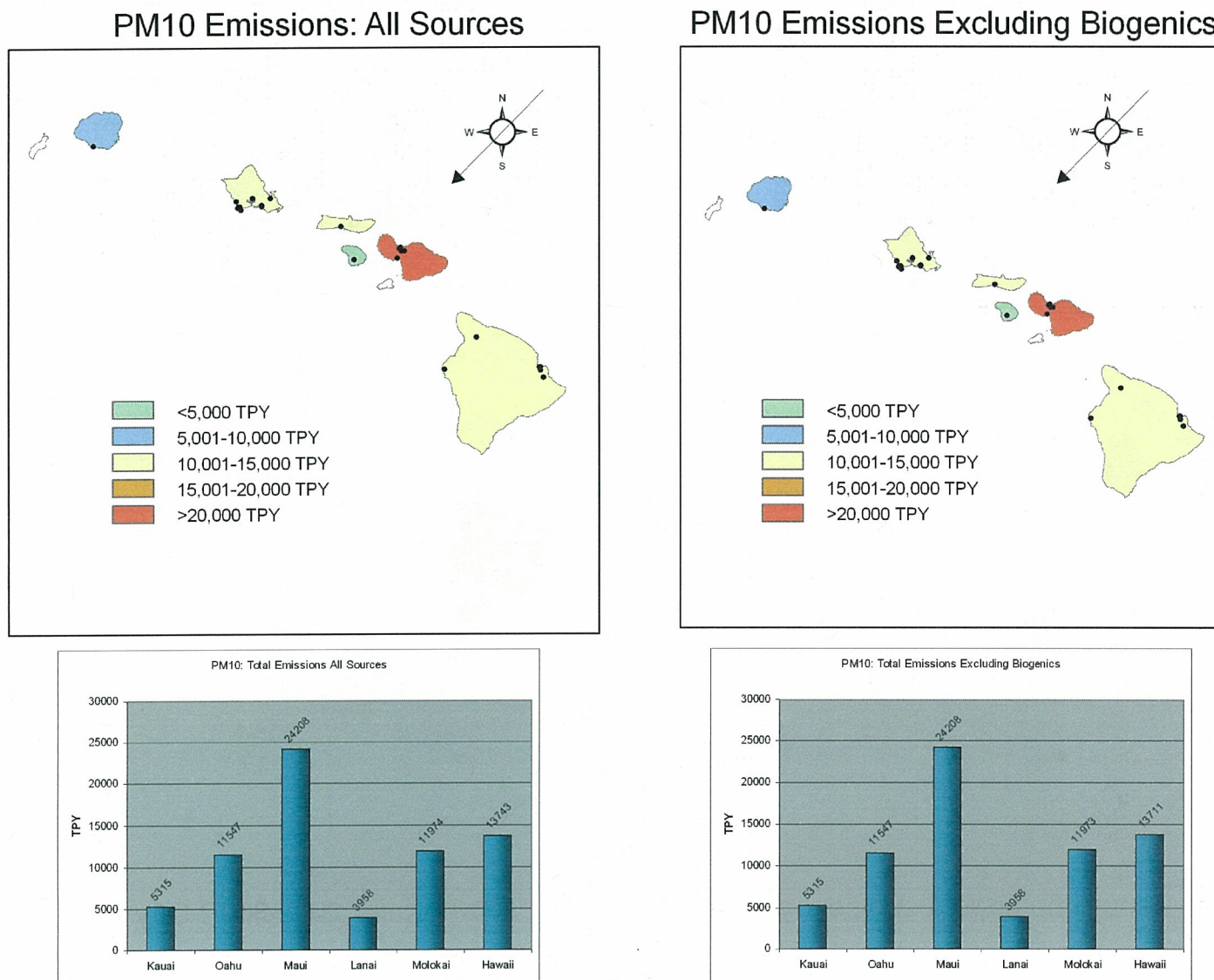


**Figure 31. PM<sub>2.5</sub> NEI**

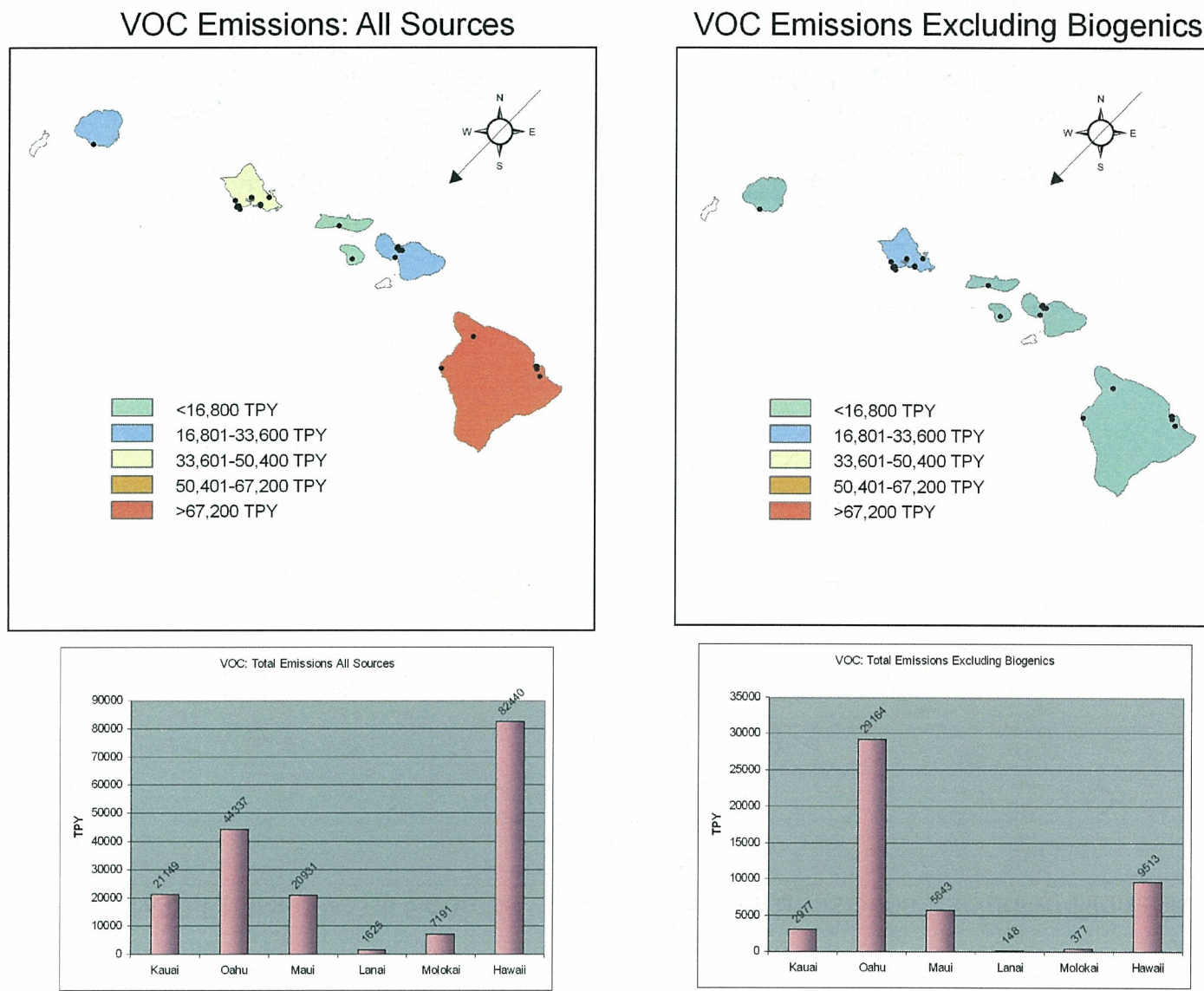




**Figure 32. PM<sub>10</sub> NEI**



**Figure 33. VOC NEI**





## 2. Source Emissions Conclusions

- **KAUAI**
  - Of the four counties, Kauai has the least number of NEI sources;
  - Of the four counties, Kauai has the least amount of emissions.
- **OAHU**
  - Oahu has the most NEI emission sources;
  - Oahu has the most on and off road emissions;
  - Oahu has the highest amount of CO, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, and VOCs due to anthropogenic sources;
  - The majority of NEI emission sources are on the leeward side of the island, mainly at Campbell Industrial Park west of Honolulu.
- **MAUI** (includes Molokai and Lanai)
  - Maui has the highest amount of PM<sub>10</sub> emissions and a relatively high amount of PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions;
  - Maui's emission sources are located in the central valley, unlike the other islands where the majority of sources are located along the coasts.
- **HAWAII**
  - Hawaii has the highest amount of biogenic SO<sub>2</sub> emissions;
  - Hawaii has the second highest amount of CO emissions due to on-road mobile sources;
  - Hawaii has relatively high particulate levels.

### D. Meteorological and Geographical Characteristics

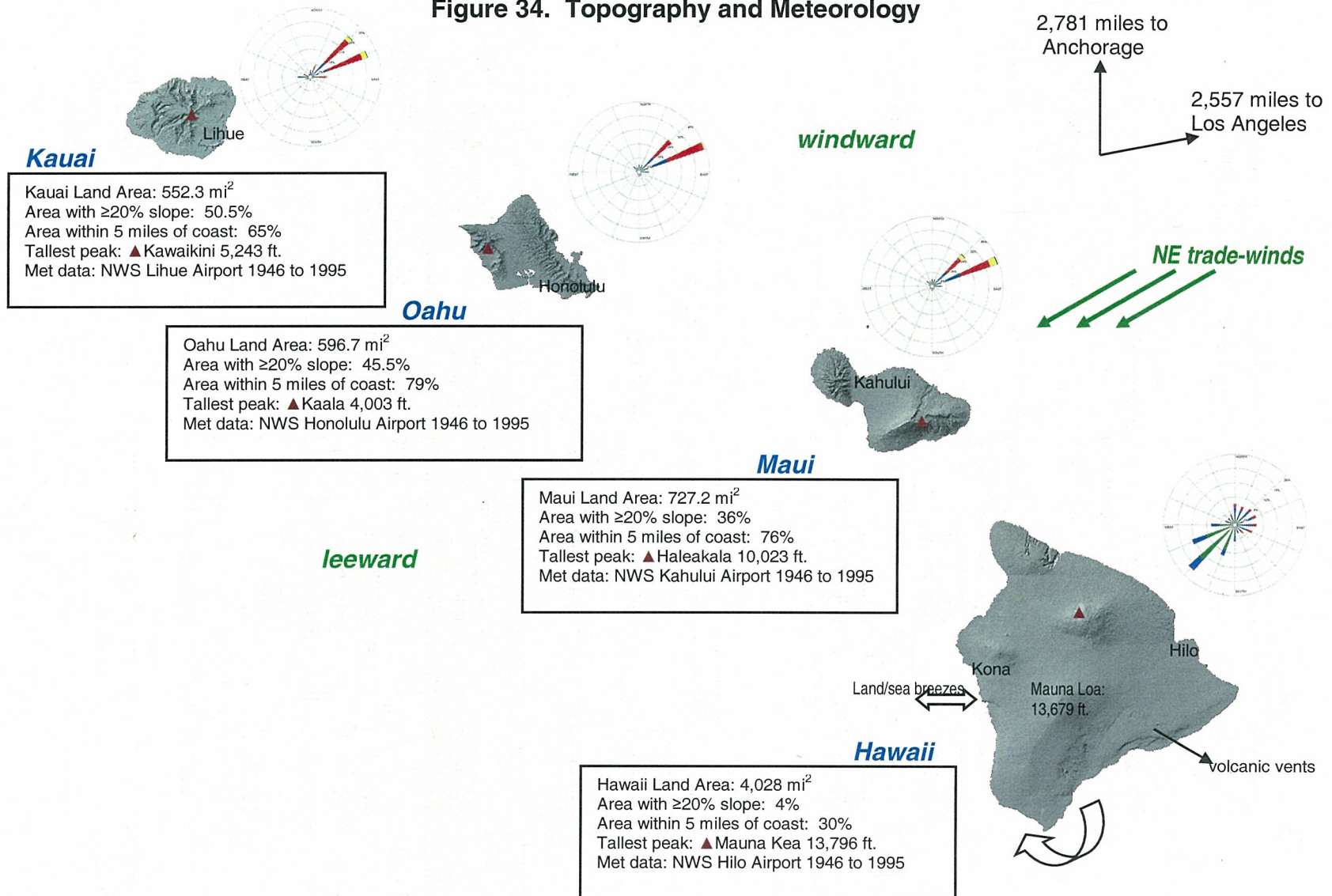
- Hawaii is the only state surrounded by ocean and in the tropics. The land masses in the Hawaiian Archipelago are summits of a volcanic chain totaling 6,423 square miles.<sup>1</sup> The four main populated islands of Kauai, Oahu, Maui and Hawaii total 5,904 square miles. Kauai, farthest north, is the oldest island as evidenced by highly eroded valleys.<sup>2</sup> Hawaii island, farthest south, is the youngest and largest island, and contains the active Kilauea volcano. Generally, Hawaii experiences:
- moderate tropical weather;
  - northeast trade-winds from the central Pacific high pressure system (Pacific High);
  - basically two seasons<sup>2</sup>:
    - May to September with trade-winds 80-95% of the time;
    - October to April with trade-winds 50-80% of the time.

Figure 34 provides topographical and meteorological summaries of the four main populated islands in the state.

<sup>1</sup> State of Hawaii Dept. of Business, Economic Development and Tourism: 2008 State of Hawaii Data Book

<sup>2</sup> Western Regional Climate Center Desert Research Institute

**Figure 34. Topography and Meteorology**

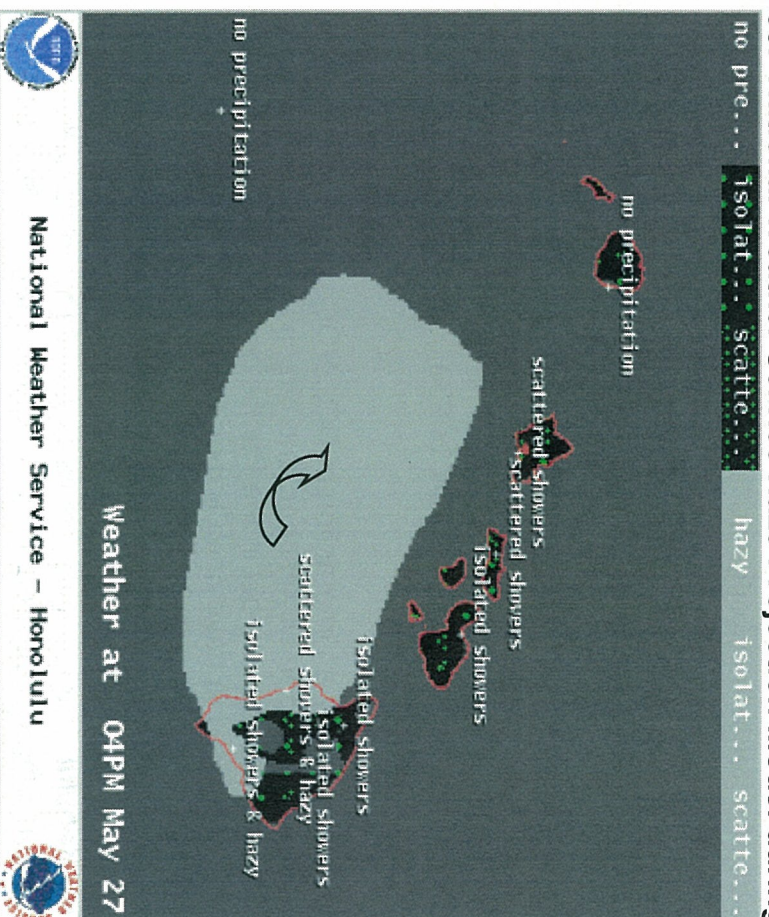


Geographic information from State of Hawaii DBEDT:  
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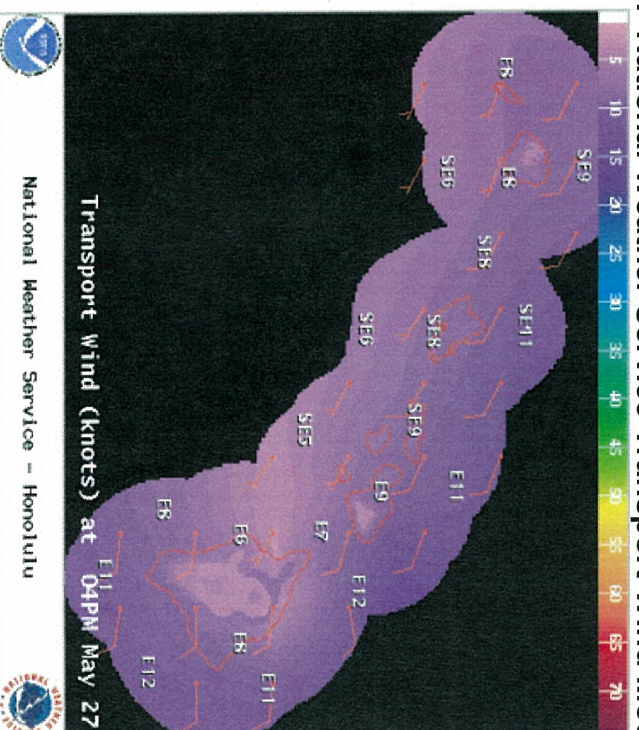


When the winds shift to the south/southeast direction, volcanic haze (vog) can be transported as far up the island chain as Kauai. During these periods when the normal trade-winds cease, the windward side of the islands are impacted by the vog in combination with pollutants from the leeward side. Figures 35 and 36 are models from the National Weather Service that show how the vog can be transported up the island chain during non-prevalent, or southeasterly wind conditions.

**Figure 35. National Weather Service Haze Projection Model during SE Winds**



**Figure 36. National Weather Service Transport Wind Model: SE Winds**





## **E. New NAAQS Monitoring**

### **1. Anticipated NAAQS Revisions**

Over the next few years, all of the current NAAQS will be re-evaluated and possibly updated. Therefore, changes to the monitoring network largely depend upon any revised or new monitoring requirements promulgated as a result of the NAAQS reviews. Based upon preliminary EPA information, following is a discussion of potential network modifications for NO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, Pb, and CO.

#### **NO<sub>2</sub>**

- There will be a near-roadway monitoring requirement for the Honolulu MSA. Currently neither of the two NO<sub>2</sub> monitors are near roadway, therefore new monitoring will have to be established;
- The second monitoring requirement for roadways that have >250,000 average annual daily traffic (AADT) will not be required as the most traveled road in Honolulu had a 2009 AADT of 230,000.

#### **O<sub>3</sub>**

- O<sub>3</sub> is formed by an interaction of NO<sub>2</sub>, VOCs and sunlight and the area of impact depends upon wind speed and direction. For the Hawaiian islands, that impact zone occurs out in the Pacific ocean. The Honolulu MSA is currently required to have one O<sub>3</sub> monitor and that is not expected to change with the O<sub>3</sub> monitoring revisions;
- If EPA requires monitoring in Micropolitan Statistical Areas, then the state will establish O<sub>3</sub> monitoring in one or all three micropolitan areas of Kapaa, Kauai; Kahului, Maui; or Hilo, Hawaii, depending upon the final rule;
- If monitoring will be required in federal or state wilderness areas, the state will work with the National Park Service to possibly establish O<sub>3</sub> monitoring in Haleakala National Park on Maui or Volcanoes National Park on Hawaii.

#### **SO<sub>2</sub>**

- One monitor will be required in the Honolulu MSA in the area of maximum 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> concentration based on modeling;
- One monitor will also be required in the area of maximum 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the state. If biogenic sources are included, this area will be on the island of Hawaii where there are already six SO<sub>2</sub> monitors.

#### **Pb**

- Using the 2005 emissions inventory, there were no sources in the state with Pb emissions > 0.5 tons per year (tpy), therefore Hawaii is not expecting to do source monitoring. However, if the latest validated 2008 NEI shows any source at >0.5 tpy of Pb, Hawaii will comply with the source monitoring requirement.



## **CO**

- If there is a near roadway monitoring requirement, the state will probably incorporate this component with the near roadway NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring, pending guidance.

## **2. Discussion of Monitoring Impacts**

Since monitoring guidance for any NAAQS revisions is not likely to be issued in time for this assessment, compliance with new monitoring requirements will be dependent upon final siting guidance for each revised NAAQS.

Following are preliminary ambient monitoring plans based on proposed changes to the criteria pollutant NAAQS.

### **NO<sub>2</sub> and CO Near Roadway Monitoring**

The Pearl City station (PC) 150032004 is located between two heavily traveled roadways in a populated area. It is less than 30 meters downwind during prevalent northeasterly winds from a major thoroughfare and is also approximately 1.5 km upwind from a freeway having the highest AADT in the Honolulu MSA.

Unless the station does not meet the promulgated guidance, PC will be considered for near roadway monitoring.

## **O<sub>3</sub> Urban and Non-urban Monitoring**

### **Urban Monitoring**

The proposed modification for urban O<sub>3</sub> monitoring in MSAs of populations from 50,000 to <350,000 will not impact Hawaii since there is only one MSA in the state. Therefore, one O<sub>3</sub> monitor is still expected to be the requirement in the Honolulu MSA.

### **Non-Urban Monitoring**

Hawaii may be required to establish a new O<sub>3</sub> monitoring site based on EPA's proposal of establishing at least one monitor in areas such as federal or state parks or wilderness areas. The state will await final rulemaking before addressing this objective. If required, Haleakala National Park on Maui and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on Hawaii will be considered.

The second objective calls for possible monitoring in Metropolitan Statistical Areas. There are three micropolitan areas in the state: Kapaa, Kauai; Kahului, Maui; and Hilo, Hawaii that can be considered for new non-urban O<sub>3</sub> monitoring. However, because of the state's unique geographical and meteorological situation whereby O<sub>3</sub> is formed over the ocean, consultations with EPA will be pursued prior to implementation of any supplemental O<sub>3</sub> monitoring.

The third objective requiring O<sub>3</sub> monitors to be located in areas of expected maximum concentration outside of the MSA to detect far downwind transport zones, again this will have to be negotiated with EPA. The Hawaiian island chain is the most isolated land mass in the world and O<sub>3</sub> transport issues would most likely not affect any other state in the nation.

### **SO<sub>2</sub> 1-hour NAAQS**

#### **Population Weighted Emissions Index (PWEI) Triggered Monitoring**

Hawaii will be required to have one PWEI triggered SO<sub>2</sub> monitoring site in the area of maximum expected 1-hour concentrations. This will most likely be in Kapolei or Makakilo on the island of Oahu, based on location of emission sources and population. The site will be selected based on final siting guidance but the NCORE station in Kapolei may be considered. Updated SO<sub>2</sub> modeling will be conducted to ensure proper placement of the monitor.

#### **Monitoring based on state-level SO<sub>2</sub> contributions**

EPA is proposing a second objective of monitoring for SO<sub>2</sub> based on the percent contribution of each state to the national anthropogenic SO<sub>2</sub> emission inventory. For Hawaii, this would equate to one additional required monitor. Since the placement of this second monitor will be independent of PWEI or CBSAs, it will most likely be one of the already established SO<sub>2</sub> monitors on the island of Hawaii. Although SO<sub>2</sub> emissions on Hawaii are not due to anthropogenic sources, but rather due to a volcano, the highest levels of SO<sub>2</sub> in the state are found on this island.

### **Pb Monitoring**

There is currently one Pb monitor associated with the Air Toxics monitoring program. Additionally, if required, there will be an additional Pb monitor at the NCORE station in Kapolei.

Based on the current rule, states would have to establish source monitoring for facilities emitting one or more tons per year of Pb. Based on the 2005 NEI, there are no sources in the state that will require monitoring.

The Pb source monitoring requirement is under EPA review and the proposal is to lower the emission trigger level to those facilities emitting 0.5 or more tons per year. If this is promulgated, the state will re-evaluate the latest NEI to determine if there are any sources that would require monitoring.



#### IV. Final Conceptual Model of the Air Monitoring Network

Bringing together all of the assessment elements, the following table and map depict the vision for the state's ambient air monitoring network over the course of the next five years. Many factors, such as funding, resources and final monitoring guidance for any new or revised NAAQS, must be considered prior to the network modifications becoming a reality.

**Table 6. Final Recommendations for the State of Hawaii Ambient Air Monitoring Network: 2011 to 2015**

Assessment	Recommendation
State monitoring priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monitoring volcanic emissions (HL, MV, PE, PA, OV, KN, new Waikaloa)</li> <li>2. NAAQS compliance (DH, PC, KA, HL, KN)</li> <li>3. NCORE (KA)</li> <li>4. Monitoring for new or revised NAAQS (PC, KA, HL, new Lihue, new Kahului)</li> <li>5. Special purpose monitoring for geothermal and cruise ship emissions (PE, PH, new Lihue)</li> </ol>
Area or data gaps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Environmental justice, high asthma rates on the Waiānae coast</li> <li>2. High particulate emissions in Maui's central valley</li> <li>3. Particulates in urban area of Kaliua on the windward side of Oahu</li> </ol>
Low value/problem sites	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Close the West Beach station (150030011): data of low value</li> <li>2. Kinei station (150090006): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- subdivision is scheduled to be built next to the station;</li> <li>- cane-burning may be phased out over the next 5 years as sugar may be replaced with other crops (see Appendix 2);</li> <li>- maintain station for cane-burning but consider closing if/when cane-burning is no longer an issue or if the subdivision becomes an obstacle to the station</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Close Sand Island station (150031004): improper siting for O<sub>3</sub> and is within 1 mile of PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring at DH (150031001) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- location is downwind and near a large body of water (Honolulu Harbor), a large utility source (Honolulu Electric Company), and peak downtown traffic, all of which may cause O<sub>3</sub> interference;</li> <li>- PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring is redundant since DH is approximately 1 mile from Sand Island;</li> <li>- land owner agreement allows the station to be located at the site on a month-to-month basis only</li> <li>- O<sub>3</sub> monitoring to start at the NCORE station (150030010); data can be compared for three years to determine feasibility of closing O<sub>3</sub> monitoring at the SI station</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
New or revised NAAQS monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Near roadway monitoring for NO<sub>2</sub> and possibly CO. May be able to use the PC station (150032004) for both, depending upon EPA siting guidance for both pollutants</li> <li>2. SO<sub>2</sub> monitoring in area of maximum 1-hour concentration in the Honolulu MSA. Might be located in the Kapolei/Makakilo area of Oahu, possibly at NCORE</li> <li>3. O<sub>3</sub> monitoring in micropolitan statistical areas of Kapaa, Kauai; Kahului, Maui; and/or Hilo, Hawaii will be based on final EPA monitoring requirement</li> </ol>

Figure 37. Proposed State of Hawaii Ambient Air Monitoring Network for 2011 to 2015

