

June 22, 2009

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
Ground Water Office (WTR-9),
75 Hawthorne Street,
San Francisco, CA 94105,
Attn: Nancy Rumrill

Delivered via email to: rumrill.nancy@epa.gov


Re: Request for Public Hearing on Revised Version of Proposed Permit for
Lahaina (Maui) Wastewater Underground Injection Wells

Dear Ms. Rumrill,

Maui Tomorrow Foundation, Inc. would like to express our appreciation and support for most of the changes that EPA has proposed in the revised permit for the Lahaina wastewater treatment plant's underground injection wells but feel the need to request a public hearing on this proposed revised permit. We hope that, even before a new public hearing, EPA would encourage the county to meet in an informal, inter-active forum with interested parties to discuss key issues and varying perspectives and find a mutually satisfactory path for working together to address all relevant concerns (with EPA's participation). We ask that such a discussion also include Clean Water Act staff, in particular, its safe drinking water/groundwater protection staff.

As part of the DIRE Coalition, Maui Tomorrow Foundation will be submitting a letter further detailing both recognition of improvements in the revised permit for Lahaina Wastewater Treatment Facility and continued areas of concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Irene Bowie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Irene Bowie/Executive Director
Maui Tomorrow Foundation, Inc.