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PRECAUTIONS TAKEN FOR REMOVAL OF CYLINDERS

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) with the support of the State Law Enforcement Coalition (SLEC), Honolulu Fire Department, Honolulu Police Department, U.S. Coast Guard and Oahu Civil Defense will be removing two compressed gas cylinders of unknown origin from the shoreline of Keehi Lagoon, near Keehi Marine Center Sunday April 3, 2005.

Sand Island Access Road between the Sand Island Bridge and Auiki Street, including some streets leading up to Auiki, may be closed for periods of time between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Motorists are asked to avoid the area if possible or expect extended delays.

A professional hazardous material contractor has been retained as a precaution to safely dispose of the materials.

“Because the cylinders are very corroded and we don’t know what’s inside we’re taking every precaution to make sure they are handled safely and exposure to the public is limited,” said Laurence K. Lau, Deputy Director for Environmental Health, Hawaii State Department of Health.

Residents, boaters and area workers are asked to avoid the area or stay inside with windows and doors closed (shelter in place) while the materials are being moved - between 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

For more information visit the Department of Health web site at www.hawaii.gov/health or call 586-4249.

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Police roadblocks will be set up at:

- Pahounui Drive/Sand Island Access Rd./Auiki Street
- Kaliawa St./Puuhale Rd.
- Auiki St./Mokauea St.
- Mokauea St./Mary St.
- Mokauea St./Hoe St.
- Mokauea St./Silva St.
- Silva St./Kalihi St.
- Libby St./Auiki St.
- Sand Island Parkway Drawbridge (on the Sand Island side)