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**HAWAII STATE DOH ISSUES  
STATEWIDE BROWN WATER ADVISORY**

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health’s Clean Water Branch has issued a Statewide Brown Water Advisory due to the remnants of former Hurricane Kenneth moving through the state today and tomorrow.

“The public is advised to stay out of coastal waters impacted by storm water runoff that may contain debris and possible sewage and chemical contamination,” said Watson Okubo, Supervisor for the Clean Water Monitoring Section of the Department of Health. “Heavy rains are expected today, tonight, and into Saturday. Streams may overflow their banks and flooding may result. The public should stay out of all flood waters due to possible sewage, chemical, and leptospirosis contamination.”

At 2:00 a.m. Hawaii Standard Time, Tropical Depression Kenneth was approximately 125 miles east of Hilo and moving west at 10 to 15 miles per hour. Heavy rains from Kenneth have spread west over the islands and are creating unstable conditions. The threat of heavy rain and flooding will continue through Saturday, then gradually subside. Conditions should improve by Sunday as the remnants of Kenneth move off to the west of the state.

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