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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REMOVES WARNINGS FROM
WAIKIKI BEACHES**

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health has cleared the beach areas fronting the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Hale Koa, Outrigger, Halekulani, Sheraton, and Royal Hawaiian Hotels. Warning signs for the coastal areas from the Hale Koa to the Moana Surfrider Hotel are being taken down today. The decision to remove the warnings was based on evaluation of results from water samples taken yesterday.

The public is advised to continue to stay out of beach waters where warning signs continue to be posted. These areas include Magic Island Lagoon and the entrance to Ala Wai Channel. Surfers are warned to stay out of surfing areas which include Ala Moana Bowls, Rock Pile, Kaisers, Fours, Threes, and Pops. Ala Wai Canal at the discharge site is improving and after an additional week, it is expected that the Ala Wai will return to normal.

For information on current water warnings on each island, log on to the DOH homepage at www.hawaii.gov/health and click on Contaminated Water Postings.

State Tourism Liaison Marsha Wienert has notified the affected hotel properties and is working with them to notify guests and employees.

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