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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO LAUNCH NEW HAWAII  
BROWNFIELDS FORUM**

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health, in conjunction with the U.S. EPA and the State Office of Planning is kicking off the new **Hawaii Brownfields Forum** on Wednesday, April 5, 2006. Held at the Ala Moana Hotel in Waikiki, the *Forum* will encourage and facilitate the redevelopment of contaminated property in Hawaii.

The *Forum* will provide opportunities for diverse stakeholders to gather, hear presentations on current issues, and have an opportunity to network. Presentations will include: “Protecting Innocent Developers from Pollution Liability” and “Optimizing Your Assessment and Clean Up Expenditures.” The **Hawaii Brownfields Forum** will help usher in a new era of collaboration and cooperation among all those who have a role to play in the redevelopment process.

At the federal level, the national Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Program has become one of the most successful initiatives in EPA’s history. Likewise, the State of Hawaii has become very active in redeveloping brownfields with its Voluntary Response Program, the Brownfields Clean up Revolving Loan Fund, federal Brownfields Assessment Grants to counties, and current legislation proposing to create a new Hawaii Uniform Environmental Covenants Act.

Registration & continental breakfast begin at 8:15 am. The event ends at 11:30 am. There is no charge for this event and validated hotel parking is free. However, space is limited and reservations are required. If you would like additional information or to RSVP please call the DOH support contractor, Krista Jack, at (808) 441-6655.

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