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## **Officials respond to wastewater spill**

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii—Army officials reported a wastewater spill from a force main under the Sand Island bridge, adjacent to the Marine Education & Training Center, at 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

Personnel from the Army's Directorate of Public Works responded immediately to the incident, shutting down the force main and diverting the pipe's main flow of wastewater. The staff also put together an emergency contract for repair work.

The discharge was stopped shortly after 12:30 p.m. Officials estimate the discharge at approximately 15,000 gallons.

DPW is coordinating its response efforts with the Hawaii State Department of Health's Clean Water Branch (CWB) and will conduct monitoring (i.e. taking samples) under the CWB's oversight. Staff is also posting warning signs in the area.

As a precaution, DPW recommends the public stay out of the waters fronting the Marine Education & Training Center, the University of Hawaii Marine Center, Snug Harbor, Kapalama Basin, Mokauea Island, and the Kalihi Channel of Ke'ehi Lagoon.

The cause of the spill is under investigation.