



Maui Wildfire Recovery – Water Mission Night Time Operations Sewer Inspection in Lahaina

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On Monday February 26, EPA plans to start **night operations** on portions of Honoapiʻilani Hwy and Keawe Street to inspect the sanitary sewer system. The work is estimated to extend until March 2, but it is weather dependent. EPA will be inspecting the sanitary sewer system from the Honoapiʻilani Hwy and Keawe Street in Lahaina, between Leialii Parkway and Keawe Street. This work is being done at night to **limit the impact to traffic on major roadways, provide safer working conditions when traffic is at its minimal peak time and allow work at times of lower flows in the sewer lines.**

The work is a two-step process; the first step is clearing potential debris/blockage in the sewer lines using jet-propelled water, followed by a special camera which will be fed down the sewer line to inspect for damage and other issues caused by wildfires. During this operation, a vacuum truck will be used to collect debris and water from the sewer line.

What to Expect:

- Work will occur between the hours of 8 PM and 4 AM and require lane closures. People entering and exiting side streets should watch for work crew members when driving during operational hours.
- Crew members will be wearing high-visibility clothing and operating large vehicles.
- The vacuum truck can be noisy but most of the work will occur some distance from standing structures. The biggest impact will be the lane closures as this could affect entry and exit from side streets. Commuters who use the highway in the evening and early morning hours should be cautious.
- There will be additional lighting on Honoapiʻilani Hwy and Keawe Street. EPA has coordinated with U.S. Fish and Wildlife to protect wildlife from the additional lighting.
- EPA has coordinated with Maui Police, HI DOT, and Maui County concerning night operations.



Figure 1.: EPA Wastewater Task Force Leader explains how the CCTV truck helps assess the condition of sewer lines.



Figure 2. EPA contactors injecting water into a sewer pipe to remove any debris/blockages.

U.S. EPA Contact Information

Call Center: 808-229-5184
7am-7pm, HST Monday-Saturday
Email: R9Wildfiresinfo@epa.gov

While unlikely, if you notice any issues with sewage backup, please call (808) 229-5184. A cleaning service will be provided at no cost.