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Subject Lahaina Injection wells

Nancy Rumrill
I would like to request public hearings in the Lahaina area on Maui for the permit renewal of the Lahaina injection wells.
I am a longtime resident of Lahaina area and have worked with various reef monitoring programs in Hawai'i for the past 17 years. I have done hundreds of dives in the area near the injection wells and have witnessed the ongoing degradation of the reefs nearby. Besides the likely percolation of groundwater into the nearshore environment, putting all that water into a hole in the ground is just plain wasteful. We are in drought conditions and have been for years. There used to be sugarcane fields directly above where the sewage treatment plant is now. The whole area is now fallow and a great , dry fire hazard. Instead of injecting the water, it could be used to irrigate the land for farming, landscaping, golf courses and creating a green way that could help prevent fires. This would leave the more pure water for drinking. Our population is growing and the lack of drinking water will only continue to get worse if we don't use measures to conserve water.
Thank you for your consideration.
Aloha, Donna Brown

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