



Aloha Maui,

On December 21, 2023, EPA will have completed removing over 200 tons of hazardous materials from properties affected by the wildfires. Our work also included removing over 30 tons of lithium-ion batteries from cars and homes and preventing dust and debris from blowing off properties before debris removal.

Our deepest sympathies and condolences are with those who lost loved ones, property, and their beloved town. We will forever be impacted by the profound loss of life, and loss of historic and cultural resources.

**We have been continuously inspired by how the community responded to our presence with unity, grace, and love.** Early on, we knew this emergency response had to be done the Maui way.

***Mahalo** to all community members who worked with our teams to ensure our work was done with reverence and respect. The community heartfully guided this response.*

***Mahalo** for telling your stories, for sharing your vulnerability and warmth, and welcoming us into your community.*

***Mahalo** for holding us to exemplary standards and high expectations for serving you.*

While our hazardous material removal mission is ending, a small EPA team will remain to assist the county and state with assessing water infrastructure damage and with sustainability efforts.

We know this is only the first step on a long road to recovery, but if there is anything we learned throughout this work, it is that this community is resilient.

EPA staff from across the country volunteered for this recovery work. Maui gives so much to the world, and as guests it is our honor to give our kōkua back.

***He aloha i kā'ili ole 'ia e ka makani. A love that is not snatched away by the wind.***

Mahalo nui,  
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