

Maui Wildfire Recovery

Phase 1 All Pau

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So much Maui give to da world. As guests, we honored fo give our support back.

Da Federal Emergency Management Agency wen go ask da EPA fo go do one survey first, and den remove and throw-way all da hazardous material on top properties da wildfires on Maui wen go affect. Dey wen call dis "Phase 1".

Da EPA wen pau da Phase 1 mission assignment. Dis was one major step fo da removal of da debris and fo da rebuilding of Lāhainā and upcountry communities.

Phase 1 - EPA Hazardous Material Removal

Phase 2 - Army Corps Debris Removal

Da EPA and da contractors, half of dem who was Locals, with da help from da U.S. Coast Guard, and togeddah with da County of Maui and da Hawai'i Department of Health wen go accomplish da following:

1. Survey, remove, and throw-way da surface level kine household hazardous material in da areas where da fire wen impact.

Da EPA wen pau da hazardous material removal from 1,374 residential and 74 commercial properties. Dey wen process da stuff real good and wen package da hazardous material in Phase 1 at da EPA staging area. Dey wen already go ship thirteen containers of da hazardous material off Maui fo safe disposal.

Da EPA wen defer 73 residential and 100 commercial properties to da Army Corps of Engineers fo dem remove da hazardous material because had physical conditions on da property dat wen prevent safe access. Fo da residents who get dis kine property, if you like go dea, you going have to coordinate with da County of Maui and da Army Corps fo take care da hazardous conditions and den take away da hazardous materials first.



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2. Removal and disposal of lithium-ion and high voltage batteries from power walls, electric, and hybrid vehicles affected by da Maui Wildfires.

Da EPA wen remove batteries from 94 electric and hybrid vehicles, and 274 power walls. Da EPA wen develop cutting-edge procedures fo de-energize and decommission da batteries so dey could safely ship em off Maui. Dey wen go ship two containers containing ovah 30 tons of decommissioned battery material off Maui fo safe recycling.



3. Da first application and da re-application of one soil stabilizer on da ash footprint of da structures dat wen burn.

Da EPA stay applying Soiltac® fo protect people's health and da environment from harmful contaminants dat get in da ash. Dey going re-apply da Soiltac® when da ting get disturb. Da Army Corps going remove da Soiltac® along with da oddah debris during Phase 2.

Soiltac® stay water-base and can bind da ash and debris togeddah. Da product make one transparent, waterproof crust on top da debris and on da surface of da stuff dat wen burn fo prevent da spread of hazardous material off site.



Even though da EPA wen remove most of da hazardous material, might still get some stuff left. If you visiting yo property during da re-entry period, please take care and be real careful. Go scan da QR code fo watch da video about general hazards you can encounter still yet.



Cultural Sensitivity Program:

Fo observe and protect da important cultural resources and practices on Maui throughout dis mission, da EPA wen go develop and implement one cultural sensitivity program. Da program wen include hiring ovah 20 cultural monitors fo oversee da work in da field; mandatory cultural sensitivity training fo all EPA staff, contractors, and U.S. Coast Guard support personnel; and cultural advising from Local leadership fo inform EPA's community involvement program. Each day, befo and aftah work in da burn zones, one pule, or Hawaiian prayer and blessing, was held with field crews. Dis cultural sensitivity program was vital fo dis response and going be continued during da next phase of Recovery.

Even though da EPA pau wit da hazardous material removal emergency response mission assignment, Soiltac® and our oddah work going continue. Da EPA stay committed to providing resources fo assist with Maui's long-term recovery efforts including da water infrastructure and sustainable recovery.

If you get questions regarding Phase 2, go contact da Army Corps of Engineers:

Website: <https://www.poh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Emergency-Response/Hawaii-Wildfires/>

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