



CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

MEDIA UPDATE

Date: April 16, 2008

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Update: # 12

Incident: Emergency Health Advisory #12

This is a civil defense message.

This is a health advisory for Wednesday afternoon, April 16, at 5:00.

This a health advisory for the districts of Puna and Hilo.

The National Weather service has forecasted that wind conditions that brought heavy vog into Hilo and Puna last week are expected to reoccur and may bring heavy vog into the area of Hilo and Puna early tomorrow morning. Should the conditions be similar to last week it is anticipated that the vog will dissipate later in the day.

As you know sulfur dioxide levels does not necessarily coincide with vog levels and it is not expected that sulfur dioxide levels will be a concern to Puna or Hilo at this time.

The neighborhoods surrounding the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park are not expected to be impacted by increased vog or sulfur dioxide levels.

Again, due to forecasted weather conditions, the areas of Hilo and Puna are advised that heavy vog conditions may occur early tomorrow morning. Sulfur dioxide is not anticipated to be a concern at this time, but it will be monitored.

For vog conditions, staying indoors, air conditioned areas, and limiting outdoor activities will help greatly.

If conditions change that might affect your safety you will be informed.

Thank you for listening and please be safe.

This is your Hawai'i County Civil Defense.