



CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

MEDIA UPDATE

Date: April 23, 2008

Time: 12:00

Update: # 14

Incident: Emergency Health Advisory #14

This is a Civil Defense message.

This is a health advisory for, Wednesday, April 23 at 12:00.

The National Weather Service has forecasted normal tradewinds to reduce in speed and shift to an east south easterly direction mid-day today, April 23. We are currently seeing the effects of these conditions in the communities around the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. This includes the presence of vog and spikes in sulfur dioxide levels of short duration.

Due to the changes in the wind conditions, the following public safety advisories and recommendations are made:

- ❖ ❖ There are no evacuation advisories at this time.
- ❖ ❖ Due to the forecasted wind conditions and intermittent spikes in sulfur dioxide levels:
 - ❖ ❖ Volcano Golf and Country Club Estates is placed on a Color Code RED status. Under Color Code RED healthy individuals should avoid outdoor activity, those in sensitive groups should avoid outdoor activity and remain indoors. People experiencing respiratory related health effects should consider leaving the area.
 - ❖ ❖ Volcano Village, Mauna Loa Estates, Ohia Estates, Royal Hawaiian Estates, and Hawaiian Orchid Island Estates are placed on a Color Code Orange status. Under Color Code ORANGE potential health effects are not expected in healthy individuals, however, those in sensitive groups should avoid outdoor activity and remain indoors.
- ❖ ❖ Wind conditions are not forecasted to change until Friday evening.

Again, there are no evacuation advisories at this time. The Volcano Golf and Country Club Estates is placed on a Color Code RED status. Volcano Village, Mauna Loa Estates, Ohia Estates, Royal Hawaiian Estates, and Hawaiian Orchid Island Estates communities are placed on a Color Code Orange status. The volcanic and wind conditions are being closely monitored and if any changes occur that might affect your safety, you will be informed and updates will be issued as necessary.

For additional information the district of Ka'u is in YELLOW Color Code status, indicating light levels of sulfur dioxide. All other districts are in Color Code Green.

Thank you for listening. Have a safe day.

This is your Hawai'i County Civil Defense.