

CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

Date: April 25, 2008

MEDIA UPDATE

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Update: # 18

Emergency Health Advisory #18

This is a Civil Defense message.

This is a health advisory for Friday afternoon April 25 at 2 o'clock.

The National Weather Service continues to forecast light winds for all of Hawai'i Island this afternoon. The winds should begin to return to a normal tradewind pattern beginning this evening. Based on current sulfur dioxide measurements and the forecasted changes in the winds the following public safety advisories and recommendations are made:

- * There are no evacuation advisories at this time.
- * Volcano Golf and Country Club Estates is now on Color Code ORANGE status through this evening. 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.
- * Volcano Village, Mauna Loa Estates, Ohi'a Estates, Royal Hawaiian Estates, Hawaiian Orchid Island Estates, Fern Forest subdivision and the district of Ka'u are on Color Code YELLOW status through this evening. Under Color Code YELLOW those in sensitive groups should avoid outdoor activity.
- * All other districts remain in Color Code GREEN
- * The Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is open.

Again, there are no evacuation advisories at this time. The Volcano Golf and Country Club Estates is in Color Code ORANGE status. Volcano Village, Mauna Loa Estates, Ohia Estates, Royal Hawaiian Estates, Hawaiian Orchid Island Estates, Fern Forest, and the district of Ka'u are on Color Code Yellow status. All other districts are in Color Code Green.

The sulfur dioxide 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.

The next scheduled update will be tomorrow morning by 8 o'clock.

Thank you for listening. Have a safe day.

This is your Hawai'i County Civil Defense.