

# TRITURATOR OPERATION BMPS

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The sanitary sewage and associated rinse waters produced during the servicing of aircraft lavatory facilities must be discharged to designated DOTA Triturator facilities.

A designated DOTA Triturator facility is located East of the Terminal, across from Gate 9 along the airport fence, where truck or trailers equipped with bulk storage tanks may discharge aircraft lavatory waste. All tenants and applicable personnel are responsible for proper disposal of waste associated with ground servicing of aircraft lavatory facilities.



## PURPOSE



- Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater and/or UIC drainage wells in areas where lavatory service operations are conducted.
- Provide employees with appropriate training with regards to proper operations, stormwater pollution prevention, BMPs, and spill response.
- Comply with environmental requirements, such as the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) 11-54, 23, and 62.

## GENERAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Ensure that the pit door at the Triturator facility is **open before use & closed when done**.
2. Align vehicle properly over the Triturator pit prior to discharge.
3. Push the start button.
4. Open discharge valve and release waste into the Triturator pit.
5. Ensure that all hose connections are not leaking.
6. After waste is emptied, the area shall be cleaned (no fluid staining, paper, or solid waste visible).
7. Lavatory tanks shall be rinsed over the Triturator pit.
8. Use the hose to flush the interior waste hold tanks while positioned over the Triturator pit.  
**\*Washing the exterior of vehicles is strictly prohibited.**
9. Close the discharge valve on vehicle.
10. Make sure all residual dripping have ceased.
11. Move vehicle and clean the area surrounding the Triturator pit.
12. Push the stop button.
13. In the event of a system malfunction, alarm will sound. Report any issues to Airport Operations Control: **(808) 961-9308**

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- Properly secure all hoses, valves, and equipment when transporting waste to eliminate leakage and spills.
- Utilize buckets or pans to capture any leaks or drippage from lavatory access fittings.
- Inspect and clean areas/equipment after each use.
- Do not perform any vehicle or equipment washing at the Triturator facility.
- Do not perform lavatory truck cleanout/back flushing at any location other than the Triturator facility.
- Equip all lavatory service vehicles with appropriate spill response material.
- Practice good housekeeping techniques at the Triturator facility. Immediately clean all spills.
- Regularly inspect lavatory service vehicles and equipment to ensure effective operation.
- Immediately repair or remove from service any faulty, leaking, or damaged equipment.
- Do not park or store lavatory service vehicles or equipment near the DOTA MS4, drainage system, or State Waters.
- Train all applicable personnel to report line blockages, lavatory spills, and/or unsanitary housekeeping conditions.



### WARNING SIGNS



Sewage pollution is recognizable based on its distinct odor, black staining inside the drainage pipe, and visible evidence of sanitary waste, such as toilet paper and gray water. Spills associated with this operation can occur during:

- Diluting and mixing of surfactants and disinfectants.
- Transferring materials from the aircraft.
- Transporting and disposing of materials to the Triturator.

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## SPILL MATERIAL

Spill kits are required on all lavatory vehicles. Spill kits should contain, at a minimum:

- Broom
- Gloves
- Trash bags
- Absorbent pads
- Pine oil



**Note: Kitty litter, clay granules, and bleach are strictly prohibited for clean-up at the Triturator facility.**



## SPILL RESPONSE

### Procedures:

1. Promptly clean the spill using absorbent pads only.
  - \*DO NOT USE KITTY LITTER OR BLEACH TO CLEAN TRITURATOR SPILLS**
2. Double bag and dispose of this **SPILL TRASH** at **YOUR FACILITY**.
3. Disinfect the area appropriately with environmentally approved product and place warning signs if necessary.
  - a) Have SDS for product used.
  - b) Close the area to prevent spread of material.
4. Make the necessary notifications.

### Notifications:

- Immediately report all spills, regardless of size to **Airport Operations Control (808) 961-9308**
- All spills must also be reported to:
  - **Airport Environmental Section: Using Spill reporting form:**  
<https://veoci.com/v/p/form/7jnuujn8aswb>
- For spills that enter the storm drainage system, immediately call:
  - **National Response Center: (800) 424-8802**
  - **DOH Clean Water Branch: (808) 586-4309**
- Provide a follow-up report to the CWB within 30 days.
- For sewage spills greater than 1,000 gallons, immediately call:
  - DOH Wastewater Branch: (808) 586-4294**
  - Work with AIR-EE on WWB requirements such as: press release, disinfection of receiving water, posting warning signs, and monitoring of bacteria.



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## RECORDKEEPING

Keep a record of all spills greater than 50 gallons (per HAR 11-62):

- Date and time of the spill
- Amount released
- Cause of the spill
- Clean-up actions
- Remedial actions taken to prevent future spills

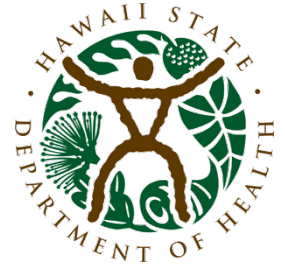


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- **Address:** 400 Rodgers Blvd, Suite 700, Honolulu, HI 96819
- **Email:** [dot.air.environmental@hawaii.gov](mailto:dot.air.environmental@hawaii.gov)

DOH Wastewater Branch:

- **Address:** 2827 Waimano Home Rd, Pearl City, HI 96782
- **Phone:** (808) 586-4294



## TRITURATOR LOCATION

