

Lanai Resort
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Safe Drinking Water Branch's Written Testimony
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The Department of Health, State of Hawaii ("DOH"), takes no position on the questions raised in Docket No. A89-649. This testimony is only intended to provide information to the Land Use Commission for such use as they deem appropriate.

DOH is responsible for promulgating and enforcing State Primary Drinking Water Standards. Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 340E-2. DOH is also authorized to promulgate State Secondary Drinking Water Standards, for example chlorides. But we have not done so.

DOH, through its Safe Drinking Water Branch (SDWB), analyzes whether a particular water supply meets State Primary Drinking Water Standards, not whether it is or is not suitable for drinking. The State Primary Drinking Water Standards are set forth in chapter 11-20, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") and follow federal standards. If the water can meet the standards in chapter 11-20, it may be used in drinking water systems. The terms "potable" and "non-potable" do not exist in these State or federal primary drinking water regulations.

Although chapters 11-21 and 11-50, HAR, use the terms "potable" and "non-potable," SDWB does not use those terms; and they have no bearing on the jurisdictional charge to implement and enforce chapter 11-20, HAR.

The terms "potable" or "non-potable" are not used by SDWB, and we express no opinion as to the definition of those terms as used by the Land Use Commission.