



# DEL MONTE CORPORATION (OAHU PLANTATION) SUPERFUND SITE

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## Public Comments Requested for Del Monte Cleanup Proposed Settlement

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) requests public comments concerning its proposed settlement to pay for the cleanup of the Del Monte Superfund site. The comment period ends **September 5, 2005**.

The agreement with Del Monte Fresh Produce, called a consent decree, requires the company to clean up soil and groundwater contamination. Del Monte Fresh Produce will carry out the U.S. EPA-approved cleanup plan, estimated to cost approximately \$13 million, with a completion date expected in 2014. The company has also agreed to pay the U.S. EPA's past and future oversight costs at the site.

Cleanup of shallow groundwater at the site has started by using Koa Haole plants in a process called phytoremediation. The deep groundwater will be pumped and cleaned using air stripping and carbon filters.

On August 4, 2005, the U.S. Department of Justice lodged the consent decree with the U.S. District Court in Hawai'i. After considering public comments, the

United States will make a decision as to whether it will motion the court to enter the consent decree.

Please send comments postmarked by **September 5, 2005** to:

U.S. Department of Justice  
Assistant Attorney General  
Environment and Natural Resources Division  
P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station  
Washington, D.C. 20044-7611

Comments should refer to United States v. Del Monte Fresh Produce (Hawaii), Inc., DOJ Ref. 90-11-3-08277.

The proposed consent decree may be examined during the public comment period on the following United States Department of Justice website: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>.

A copy of the proposed settlement and an extensive amount of site information is located at U.S. EPA's information repository at the Wahiawa Library, 820 California Ave, Wahiawa, HI 96786, 808-622-6345.

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information concerning Superfund activities at the Del Monte Superfund Site is available at the Information Repositories at the following two locations:

### **Superfund Records Center**

U.S. EPA Region 9  
95 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
(415) 563-2000



### **Wahiawa Public Library**

820 California Avenue  
Wahiawa, HI 96786  
(808) 621-6331

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