



Hawaii's Volcano

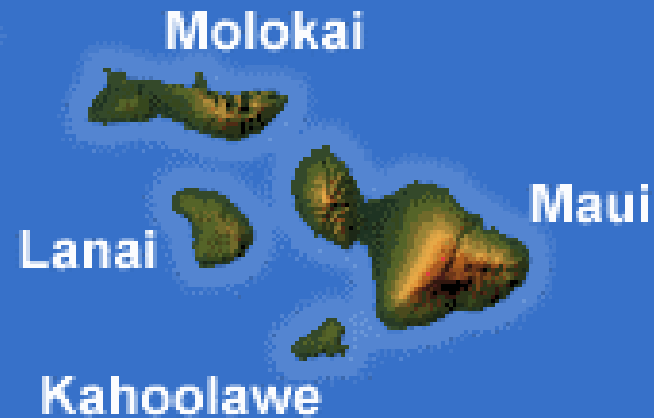
An Ongoing Exceptional Event

Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH)

Clean Air Branch

NACAA Cleveland 2018

Hawaii



- Island State
- 8 main islands
- Population 1.4 million
- Oahu most populated
- Hawaii (Big Island) second
- Industry – Tourism



Hawaii
"The Big Island"

A topographic map of the island of Hawaii, showing its characteristic shape with two prominent peaks. The map is colored in shades of green and brown. The word "Hawaii" is written in white text above the island, and "*The Big Island*" is written in white text below the island.

How Vog Travels

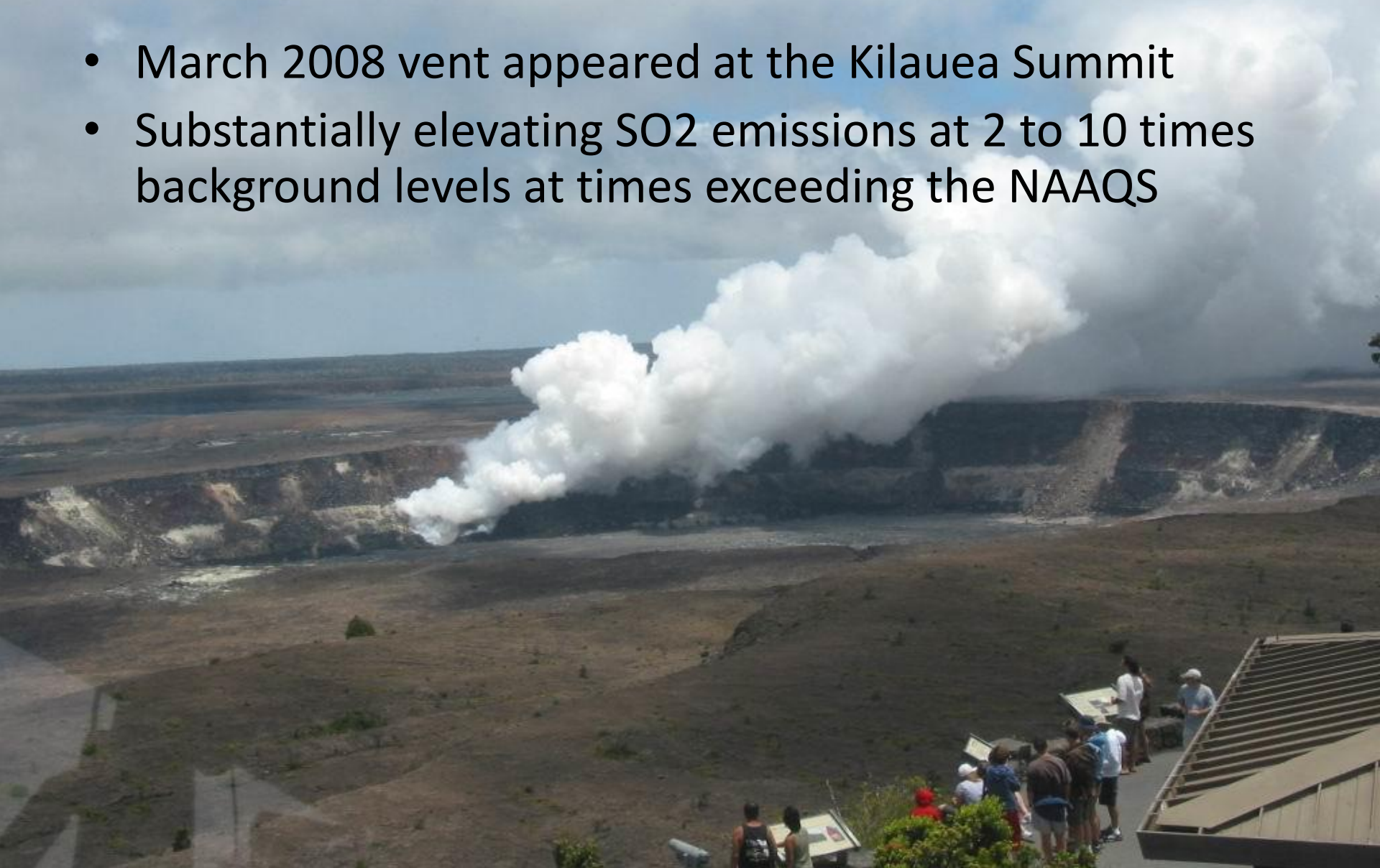


Pu'u 'O'o Eruption

- Erupting continuously since 1983
- Longest and most voluminous outpouring of lava

Halema'uma'u eruption

- March 2008 vent appeared at the Kilauea Summit
- Substantially elevating SO₂ emissions at 2 to 10 times background levels at times exceeding the NAAQS



Lower East Rift Zone eruption

- May 2018 – August 2018
- Fissure 8 – Not named yet

Kilauea Volcano Emissions

- Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) emissions were approximately >10,000 tons per day (TPD), at times >50,000 TPD
- Highest SO₂ emitter in the state is the HECO Power Plant on Oahu approximately 20 TPD





Kilauea summit is here

Pu'u 'O'o is here



EAST RIFT ZONE 1977

1983-1990s

1969

1965-68

1969

1969-74

HŌLEI PALI

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Hōlei Sea Arch

Kilauea Visitor Center

VOLCANO VILLAGE

Thurston Lava Tube (Nāhuku)

KAHAUALE'A NATURAL AREA RESERVE

KILAUEA AREA See detail map

MAUNA ULU DESERT

VOLCANOES

NATIONAL PARK

HILINA PALI

Hilina Pali Trail

Ka'aha Shelter

Halapē Shelter

Keauhou Shelter

Āpuā Point

WILDERNESS AREA

Mauna Ulu

Mau Loa o Mauna Ulu

Muliwai a Pele

Kealakomo

Hālōna Kahakai

Alanui Kahiko

Kalapana Trail

Kalapana Trail may be closed by active lava flows.

Waha'ula Heiau

Pu'u Loa

Ka'ena Point

Ko'oko'olau Crater

Pauahi Crater

Pu'u Huluhulu

Kāne Nui o Hamo Lava Shield

Makaopuhi Crater

Mauna Ulu Lava Shield

Nāpau Crater

Kīpuka Kahāli'i

Hilina Pali Road

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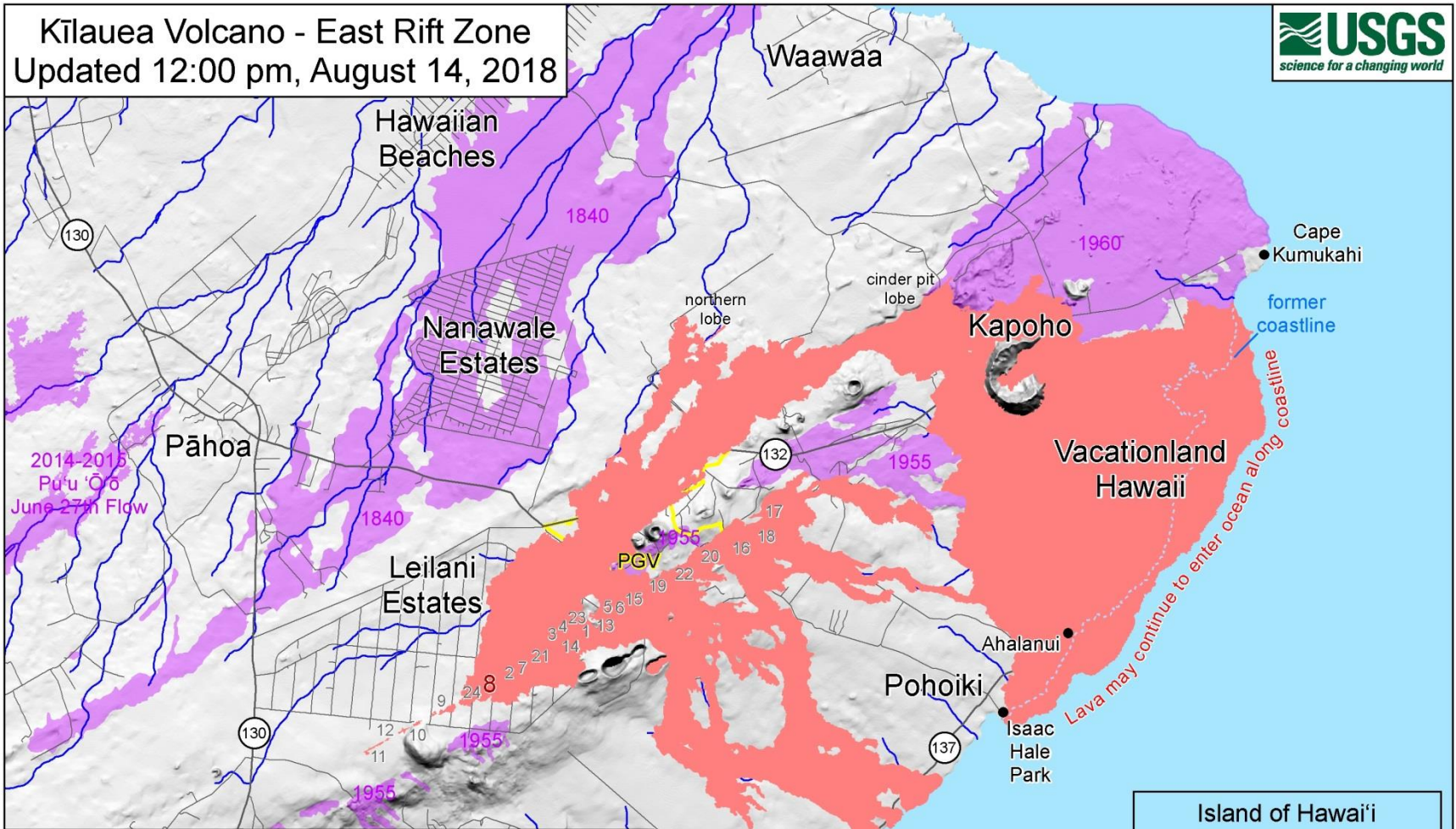
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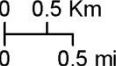

Mauna Iki Trail

Kīlauea Volcano - East Rift Zone

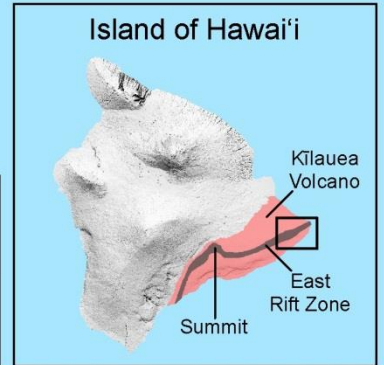
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DATE LAVA LAST ERUPTED: AUGUST 9, 2018

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|---|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
|  | No flow expansion since 8/9 |  | Major road |
|  | Flows from 5/3 - 8/9 |  | Minor road |
|  | Notable past lava flows |  | Path of steepest descent |
|  | Puna Geothermal Venture |  | No active flow channels |
| 8 | Active fissure | 
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| 12 | Inactive Fissure | | |

Total flow area:
 13.7 square miles
 35.5 square kilometers
 Lava delta area:
 ~875 acres



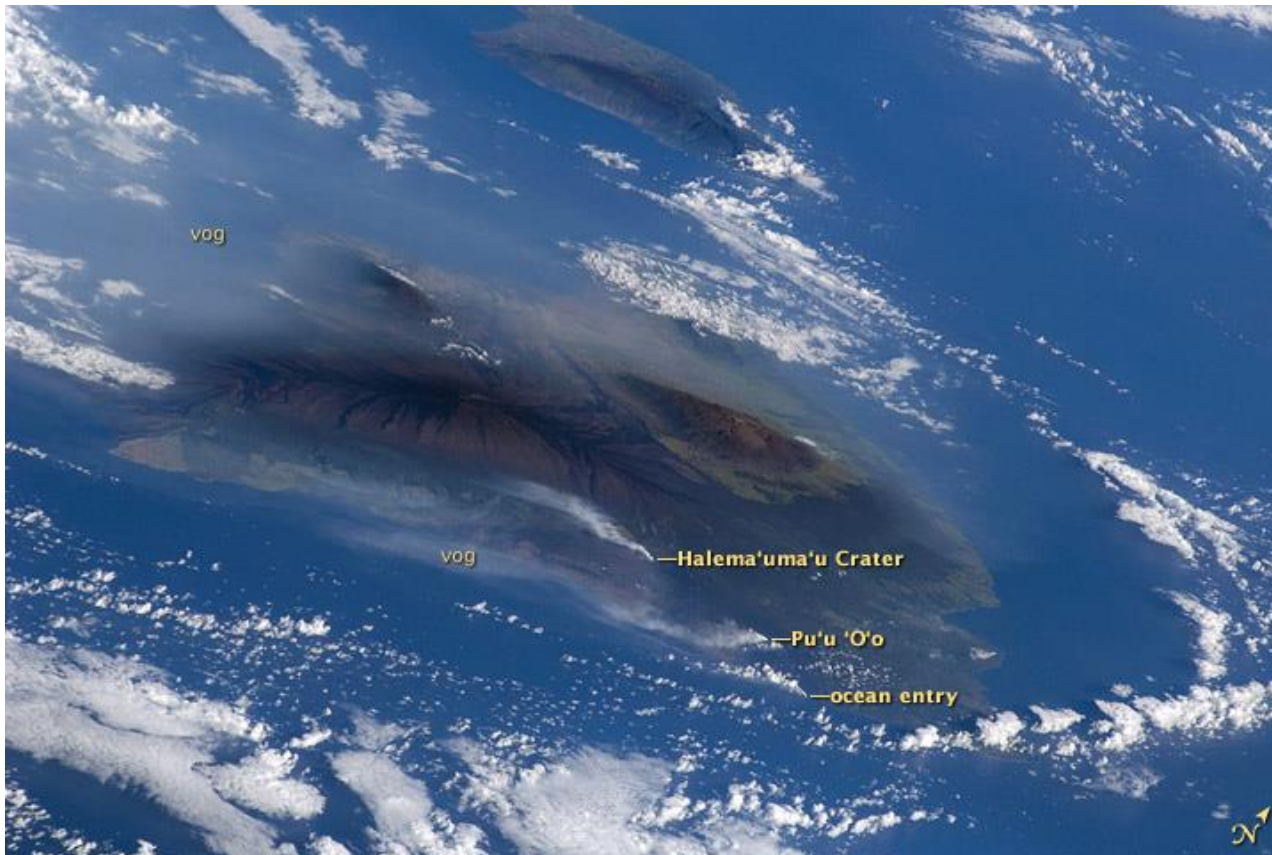


VOG

- Volcanic smog aerosols
 - $\text{SO}_2 \Rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \Rightarrow \text{SO}_4 \Rightarrow \text{PM}_{2.5}$
- Raymond Chuan study (1997)
 - Leeward side of island
 - Bimodal distribution
 - 1.7 μm , largely sodium sulfate and sodium chloride
 - 0.3 μm , almost entirely sulfuric acid
 - Windward side
 - Unimodal
 - 1.7 μm , dominant species sodium chloride

VOG

- Volcanic smog
- “Haze” in the air caused by a combination of weather, wind conditions, and volcanic emissions & activity.
- The direction & amount of wind, and other weather conditions affects the consistency of the vog.



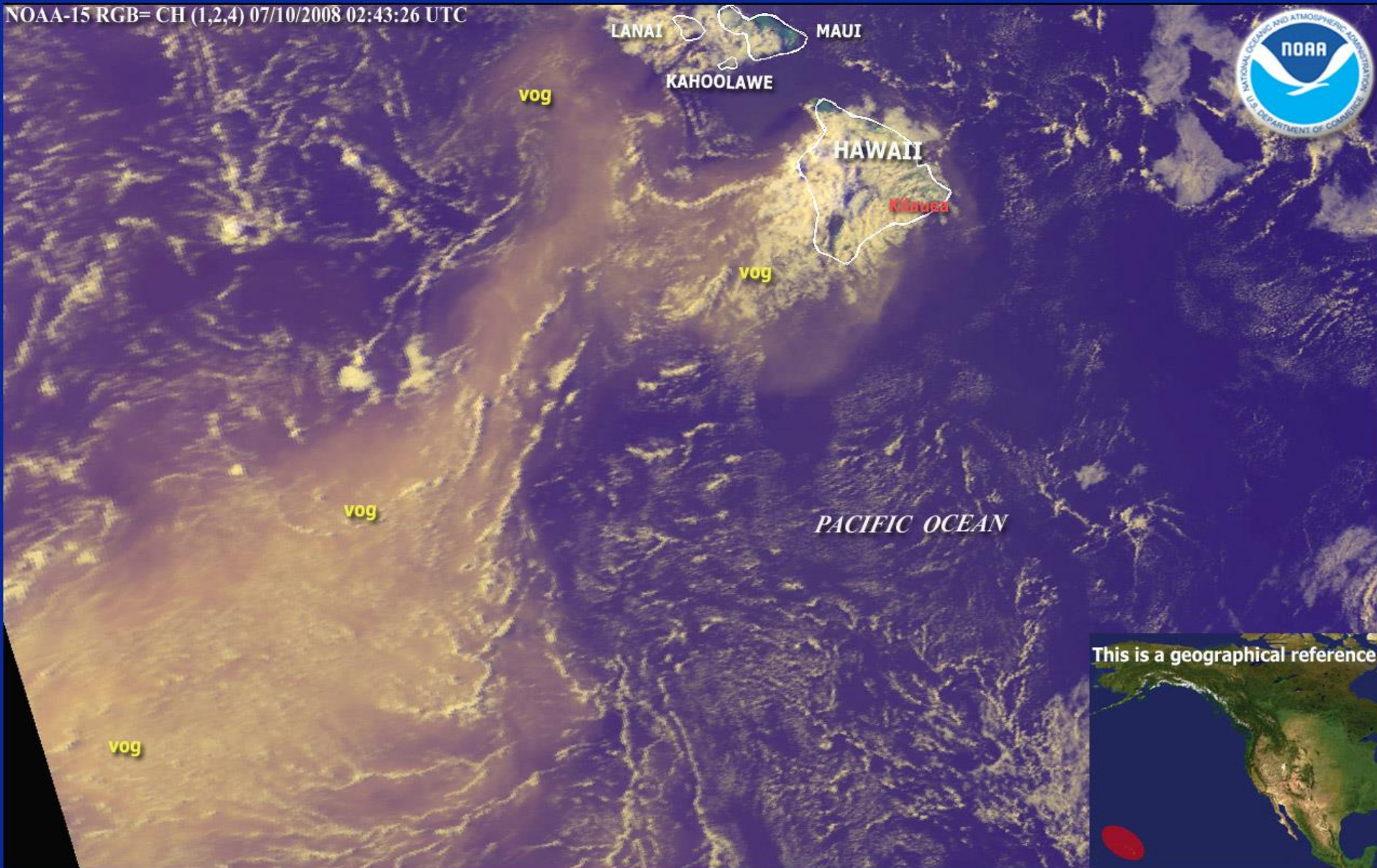
This image, taken by the crew of Space Shuttle Atlantis, shows volcanic plumes from Kilauea rising up from Halema'uma'u Crater, Pu'u 'O'o vent, and from along the coastline where lava flows from the East Rift zone into the ocean. The plumes have created a blanket of vog over the Big Island of Hawai'i. May 2009.

NASA STS-125 crew,
NASA Earth Observatory

This NOAA-15 satellite image taken at 0243 UTC on July 10 shows a plume of gases and ash (volcanic smog) to the north and southwest of the Kilauea Volcano which is located at 19.25N 155.16W in the southeastern part of Hawaii's big island.

Credit: NOAA

NOAA-15 RGB= CH (1,2,4) 07/10/2008 02:43:26 UTC



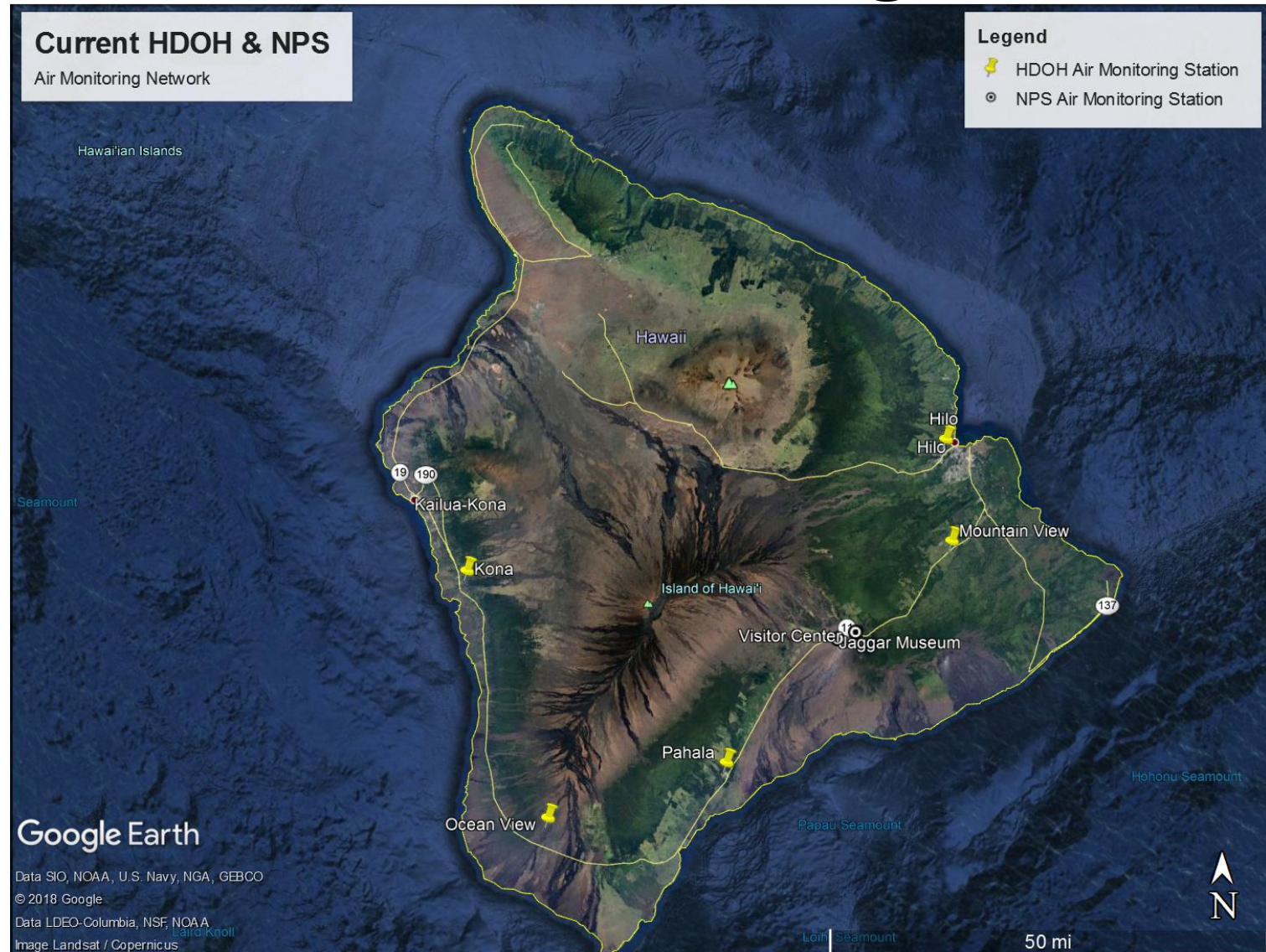
VOG on Oahu



Vog Monitoring

- Sulfur Dioxide, PM2.5, wind direction and wind speed
- HDOH stations located in Kona and Hilo prior to 2008
- HDOH added 3 stations located in Mountain View, Ocean View and Pahala after 2008
- The stations monitor impacts in areas where the majority of the population live and work
- HDOH developed an SO₂ Short Term Advisory
- The National Park Service (NPS) maintains two stations in the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (HVNP)
- NPS developed their own advisory and website to alert park employees and visitors

HDOH and NPS Existing Monitors

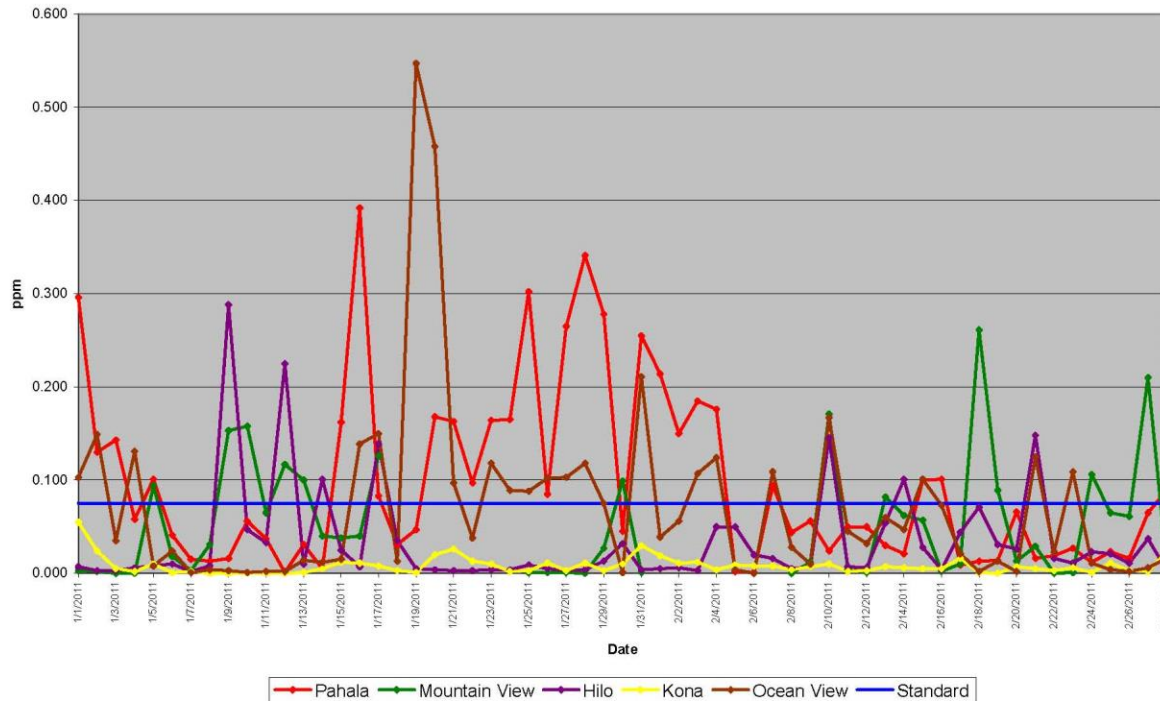


How people affected?

- Higher levels of sulfur dioxide and fine particulates emissions with possible exceedance of the NAAQS
- Volcanic ash
- Impacts to property, agriculture, and livestock
- Short term and long term health effects
- Increased doctors and hospital visits
- Acid Rain
- Effects on water catchment systems

NAAQS Exceedances

Daily Maximum 1-Hour SO₂ Data: January 1 to February 28, 2011
(1-Hr SO₂ NAAQS: 0.075 ppm - Preliminary Data - Subject To Change)



Volcanic Ash

- Ash fall in Hawai'i was reported in early 2008 in:
 - Pahala
 - Na'alehu in Ka'u
- Described as “like dust”
- Larger particles of ash fall closer to the source of the volcanic emission
- Fine particles carry longer distances



Rising plume from a March 2008 Halema'uma'u explosion, drifting over the deserted parking lot, which is coated in brown ash.

U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey



Explosion debris on Crater Rim Drive near the Halema'uma'u Overlook, March 2008. The largest fragments at this distance from the source vent (~350 m.) are about 2 cm. in diameter. The yellow stripes on the road are barely visible.

U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey

Volcanic Ash Health Issues



A robust, brown, ash-rich plume from Halema'uma'u Crater, drifting over Crater Rim Drive on the Big Island of Hawai'i, December 2008.

U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey

- Short-term exposure to ash can cause eye, nose & throat irritation.
- People with asthma, emphysema, & other respiratory conditions may experience:
 - Runny nose
 - Sore throat
 - Worsening of pre-existing respiratory conditions
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Eye & skin irritation

Lava enters the ocean (LAZE)



Agricultural & Livestock Impacts



Catchment Water Systems & Vog

- Catchment water systems can collect acidic water that can leach harmful contaminants from roofing & plumbing materials.
- Volcanic ash can get into the water, causing contamination, and interfering with common water treatment methods such as filtration and chlorination.
- Homeowners should NOT use catchment water for drinking or preparing food. County water spigots should be used instead.



Lower East Rift Zone Eruption

May 3, 2018



Hawaii County Response

- The County recognized the magnitude of the emission impact requested assistance from the State and Federal Agencies.
- An emergency proclamation was issued
- Emergency responders
- Hazard assessments and surveys
- Evacuations
- Air Monitoring Viewer

Emergency Response Agencies

- Civil Defense
- Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
- District Health Office
- Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response
- EPA – Emergency Response Team (ERT)
- National Guard and Coast Guard
- Fire Department/Police



Agencies



Local

Hawaii County
Hawaii Fire Department (HFD)
Hawaii Police Department (HPD)
Hawaii County Civil Defense (HCCD)
University of Hawaii
Center for the Study of Active Volcanoes
Hawaii County Data Systems
Public Works

State

93d Civil Support Team (CST)
Hawaii National Guard
State Civil Defense
Hawaii State Laboratories (HSL)
Hilo Hospital
Ka'u Hospital
Pacific Disaster Center (PDC)
Department of Health (DOH)
Hazard Evaluation Emergency Response

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
United States Coast Guard (USCG)
Superfund Technical Assessment and
Response Team (START)
Response Engineering and Analytical
Contract (REAC)
Federal Fire Department
National Park Service (NPS)
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration (NOAA)
National Weather Service (NWS)
Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)
American Red Cross
United States Public Health Service
(USPHS)
United States Geological Service – Hawaii
Volcano Observatory (USGS -HVO)
Edgewood Chemical Biological Center

Hazard Survey

- Planned and executed more than 80 Survey missions
- Conducted 18 sorties of air-insertion Surveys to monitor isolated hazard areas
- Deployed strategic network of Area Rae monitors to provide early warning system for residential areas near the volcano
- Provided QRae and Area Rae training to over 50 HFD Hazmat (Train the Trainer)
- Assisted Hawaii County with developing a comprehensive SO₂ response plan



Pahala SO₂ Levels (July 24, 2008)

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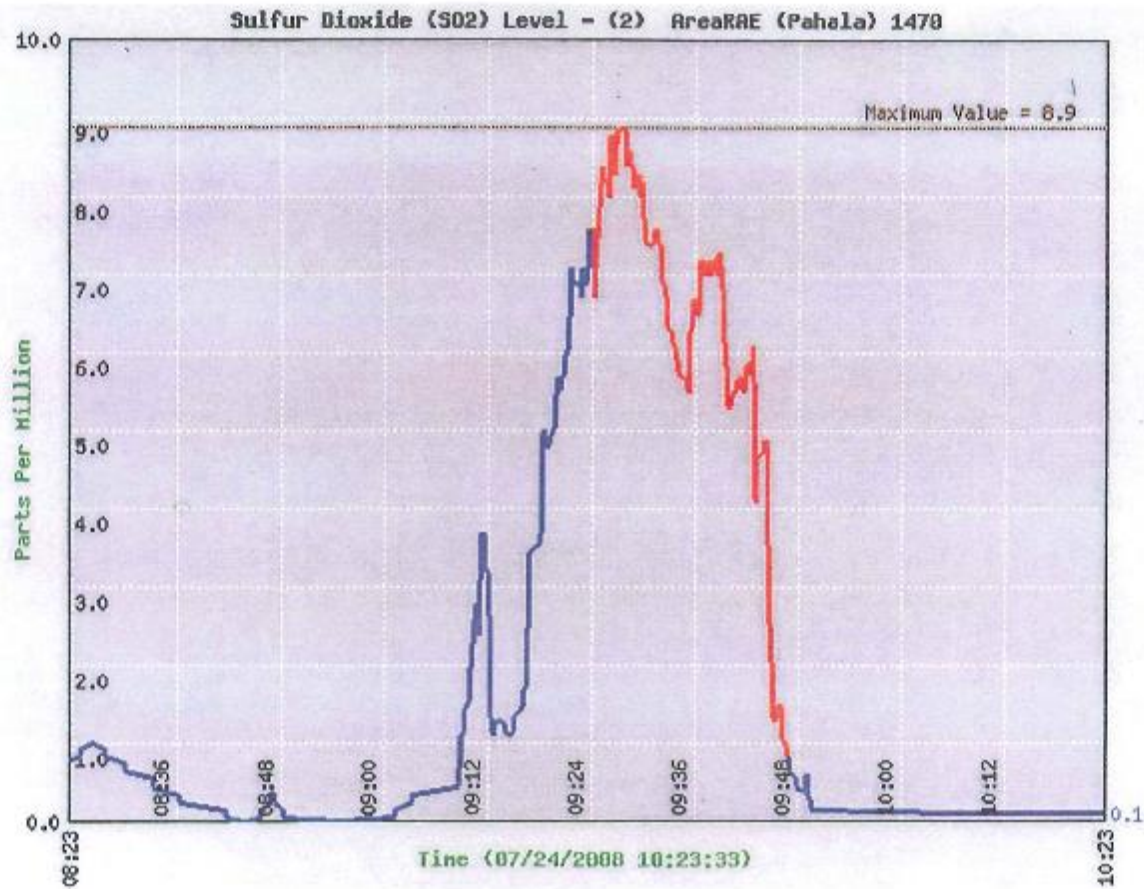
(2) AreaRAE (Pahala) 1470

Sensors:

Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Level

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Graph Time: Last 2 Hours



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Unified Agencies

Layers

Legend

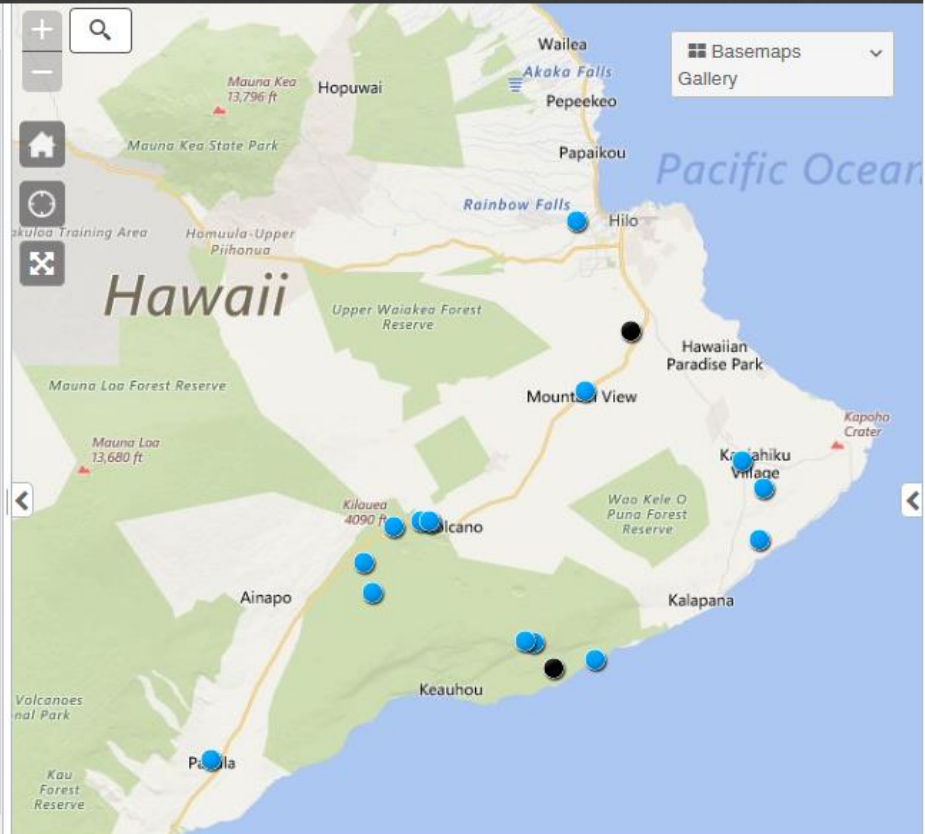
Air Monitoring Data

The Blue, Orange, and Red County Civil Defense color codes are being used to inform emergency responders and the public about changing local conditions near current volcanic activity. Refer to the [DOH Sulfur Dioxide Short Term Advisory Levels Table](#) for specific health guidance on measured air concentrations.

The map is showing the average concentration of all Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) and Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) readings received in the last 30 minutes and is updated every time a new reading is received. (Please click on a location in the map to view the air monitoring information).

Code	Color	SO ₂ Level (ppm) - 30 min average	H ₂ S Level (ppm) - 30 min average	Health Effect	Public Response
Blue		0.0 to 0.2	0.0 to 0.6	View	View
Orange		> 0.2 to 1.0	> 0.6 to < 7.0	View	View
Red		above 1.0	7.0 or above	View	View
Black		Instrument Connection Status = Down			

Other Resources for Residents and Visitors Islandwide



AQI colors

EPA has assigned a specific color to each AQI category to make it easier for people to understand quickly whether air pollution is reaching unhealthy levels in their communities. For example, the color orange means that conditions are "unhealthy for sensitive groups," while red means that conditions may be "unhealthy for everyone," and so on.

Air Quality Index Levels of Health Concern	Numerical Value	Meaning
Good	0 to 50	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
Moderate	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected.
Unhealthy	151 to 200	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
Very Unhealthy	201 to 300	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects.
Hazardous	301 to 500	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.

Note: Values above 500 are considered Beyond the AQI. Follow recommendations for the "Hazardous category." Additional information on reducing exposure to extremely high levels of particle pollution is available [here](#).

HDOH and EPA

- Provide assistance to the County
- Deployed portable temporary air monitors (EPA)
- Developed emergency response action levels with input from EPA, Hawaii Poison Center and ATSDR/CDC
- Provide public advisories and information via website, brochures, and community meetings
- Additional ambient air monitoring

Emergency Response - AIR

- Temporary Air Monitoring
 - MIT Sensors for SO₂
 - 9 sensors placed
 - approximately 30 additional sensors arriving for various pollutants
 - EPA monitors for SO₂, H₂S, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}
 - Data available to Civil Defense and Hawaii County
 - Borrowed monitors from other states/agencies arriving

Temporary EPA Monitors

- Data used for emergency response efforts in the lower East Rift Zone
- Measures SO₂ and hydrogen sulfide (H₂S)
- 15 EPA stations
- Majority placed around the active fissure area
- Few placed in the southern and western areas of Hawaii island
- Replaced with DOH owned temporary monitors

Temporary EPA Monitors



HAWAII COUNTY S02 RISK ASSESSMENT AIR MONITORING PLAN

April 24, 2008
(Draft)

**Auto Alert
to Fire
Chief at
This Level**



Initial Alert

S02 Level	TimeWt Ave
0.8 ppm	15 min

**Dispatch FD
Response
Monitoring
Crew to
Impact Areas**



S02 Level	TimeWt Ave
3.0 ppm	1 hr
Or	
S02 Level	TimeWt Ave
5.0 ppm	15 min

**Recommend
Evacuation
Advisory**



Air Quality Monitoring System

MONITOR LOCATION	Status	Agency	Type	S02 Detection
Hilo	active	State DOH	Fixed	≤ 1 PPM
Mt. View	active	State DOH	Fixed	≤ 1 PPM
Leilani (Puna E)	active	State DOH	Fixed	≤ 1 PPM
Pahala	active	State DOH	Fixed	≤ 1 PPM
Kona	active	State DOH	Fixed	≤ 1 PPM
Volcano (proposed)	proposed	State DOH	Fixed	≤ 5 PPM
S. Hilo/Naalehu/HOVE (proposed)	proposed	State DOH	Fixed	TBD
Various Locations (8)	planned	Hawaii County	Semi-mobile Area RAEs	0-20 PPM + 1 PPM
County Fire Stations	occ active w/ order d	Hawaii	Field Q	0-20 PPM ± 1 PPM

DOH Guidance on Short-term Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Advisory Levels

SO ₂ Conc. (ppm) ¹	Color Code & Air Quality Condition	Air Quality Description	Recommended Action/Activity ²		
			Sensitive Groups ³	People Experiencing Health Effects ³	Everyone Else
>0 – 0.2	Green <i>(Good)</i>	Considered satisfactory & poses little or no risk	Highly sensitive individuals may be affected at these levels		Potential health effects not expected
>0.2-0.4	Yellow <i>(Moderate)</i>	Acceptable, however, may be moderate health concern for small number of people	Be aware that levels are slightly elevated	If you experience breathing difficulties, such as chest tightness or wheezing, stop activities, use a rescue inhaler and find a place to sit down and rest.	Potential health effects not expected, however actions to reduce exposure to vog may be useful
>0.4 - 1	Orange <i>(Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups)</i>	Members in sensitive groups, including healthy individuals with mild asthma, may experience health effects. They may be affected at lower levels than general public. Toward the upper end of this range, most asthmatics who are active outdoors are likely to experience some breathing difficulties. General public not expected to be affected in this range.	Avoid outdoor activities that cause heavy breathing or breathing through the mouth ⁴	If you experience breathing difficulties, such as chest tightness or wheezing, stop activities, use a rescue inhaler and find a place to sit down and rest.	Potential health effects not expected, however actions to reduce exposure to vog may be useful
>1 - 3	Red <i>(Unhealthy)</i>	Everyone may begin to experience health effects. Members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.	Avoid outdoor activities & remain indoors	Consider leaving the area	Avoid outdoor activities that cause heavy breathing or breathing through the mouth ⁴
>3 - 5	Purple <i>(Very Unhealthy)</i>	Triggers health alert, meaning everyone may experience more serious health effects.	Avoid outdoor activities & remain indoors	Leave the area & seek medical help	Avoid outdoor activities & remain indoors
> 5	Maroon <i>(Hazardous)</i>	Triggers health warnings of emergency conditions. Entire population is more likely to be affected.	Avoid outdoor activities & remain indoors. Leave the area if directed by Civil Defense	Leave the area & seek medical help	Avoid outdoor activities & remain indoors. Leave the area if directed by Civil Defense

10/29/08

Schools affected by the Vog

- Provide portable SO2 monitors
- Email alerts from HDOH stations
- Developed an action plan
- Shelter in Place

SULFUR DIOXIDE ACTION PLAN	
CONDITION	SCHOOL ACTION
Green <i>Good</i> 0.0 – 0.2 ppm	1) Maintain normal school operations 2) Monitor air quality 3) Notify healthroom if staff/students are in need of medical attention 4) Affected staff/students will be evaluated by school health aide with reference to Respiratory Action Plan (RAP)
Yellow <i>Moderate</i> 0.2 – 0.4 ppm	1) Maintain normal school operations 2) Monitor air quality 3) Notify healthroom if staff/students are in need of medical attention 4) Affected staff/students will be evaluated by school health aide with reference to Respiratory Action Plan (RAP) 5) Updates will be made every hour or as needed
Orange <i>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</i> 0.4 – 1.0 ppm	1) Limit outdoor exposures by conducting indoor activities (Recess, PE) 2) Conduct Shelter in Place Procedures 3) Monitor air quality 4) Notify healthroom if staff/students are in need of medical attention 5) Affected staff/students will be evaluated by school health aide with reference to Respiratory Action Plan (RAP) 6) Updates will be made every hour or as needed
Red <i>Unhealthy</i> 1.0 – 3.0 ppm	1) Limit outdoor exposures by conducting indoor activities (Recess, PE) 2) Monitor air quality 3) Notify healthroom if staff/students are in need of medical attention 4) Affected staff/students will be evaluated by school health aide with reference to Respiratory Action Plan (RAP) 5) Updates will be made every hour or as needed
Purple <i>Very Unhealthy</i> 3.0 – 5.0 ppm	1) Conduct Shelter in Place (School-Wide Safer Room Procedure) 2) Monitor air quality 3) Notify healthroom if staff/students are in need of medical attention 4) Affected staff/students will be evaluated by school health aide with reference to Respiratory Action Plan (RAP) 5) Updates will be made every hour or as needed 6) Communicate with district office on current conditions and next steps
Maroon <i>Hazardous</i> 5.0+ ppm	1) Conduct Shelter in Place (School-Wide Safer Room Procedure) 2) Monitor air quality 3) Notify healthroom if staff/students are in need of medical attention 4) Affected staff/students will be evaluated by school health aide with reference to Respiratory Action Plan (RAP) 5) Updates will be made every hour or as needed 6) Communicate with district office on current conditions and next steps

- Conditions are continuously monitored by the School Safety Manager and/or Vice Principal. Condition reports are made to the Principal.
- When SO2 elevated levels lasts for more than 30 minutes, appropriate actions are taken.
- Teachers and staff should continuously monitor reactions to Vog/SO2

Vog: Headache, breathing difficulties, increased respiratory ailments, watery eyes, sore throat

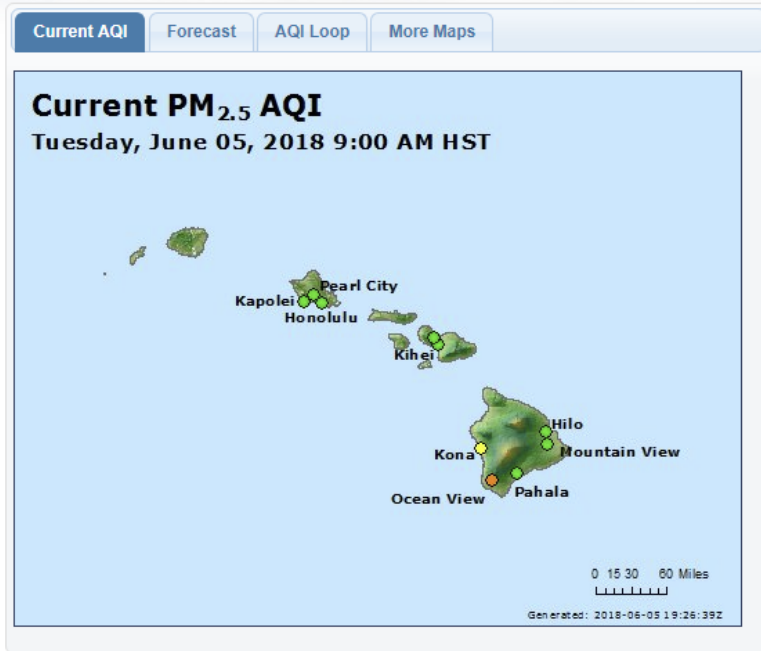
Sulfur Dioxide: Irritation to eyes, nose, throat and respiratory tract, burning eyes, coughing, difficulty in breathing, tightness in chest

Advisory System

- Established station alarm to alert Hawaii County Civil Defense and schools
- HDOH dissemination of the monitored results to the public through websites, text or email notifications
- PM2.5 Air Quality Index on EPA AirNow website
- Hawaii SO2 Advisory
- Hawaii Ambient Air Quality

AirNow

[Hawai'i Short Term SO2 Advisory](#)
[View lava-related air quality conditions on Hawaii's Big Island](#)



- ### State Air Quality Resources
- [American Lung Association \(ALA\) of Hawaii](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions on Vog from Kilauea Volcano](#)
 - [Hawai'i Short Term SO2 Advisory](#)
 - [Hawaii Department of Health - Environmental Health \(EH\)](#)
 - [Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources](#)
 - [Hawaii EH - Clean Air Branch](#)

Data and Forecasts courtesy of:
 Hawaii Department of Health - Environmental Health

Click on the city name for more detailed information. printable summary	FORECAST		CURRENT AQI
	Tue Jun 5	Wed Jun 6	
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hilo	n/a	n/a	19
Honolulu	Good	n/a	12
Kahului	n/a	n/a	27
Kapolei	n/a	n/a	5
Kihei	n/a	n/a	20
Kona	n/a	n/a	91
Mountain View	n/a	n/a	0
Ocean View	n/a	n/a	105
Pahala	n/a	n/a	14
Pearl City	n/a	n/a	16

Message on AirNow page

Air Quality Information for Hawaii Residents and Visitors

The Hawaii Department of Health reports that vog conditions may increase and fluctuate in various areas of the state as the eruption of Kilauea volcano continues. Vog is a hazy mixture of sulfur dioxide gas (SO₂) and fine particles (PM_{2.5}) emitted from an erupting volcano.

If you are a Hawaii resident or visitor, stay tuned to and follow directions provided by Hawaii County public officials and emergency personnel.

Here are several resources for learning about Hawaii air quality conditions:

- **Hawaii Interagency Vog Information Dashboard** www.ivhnh.org/vog/ This site provides comprehensive information on vog and SO₂.
- **Hawaii Short Term SO₂ Advisory:** <http://www.hiso2index.info/>
- **Hawaii outdoor quality data** <https://emdweb.doh.hawaii.gov/air-quality/>
- **VMAP Vog Measurement and Prediction Project** at <http://mkwc.ifa.hawaii.edu/vmap/hysplit>
- **AirNow information from real time PM_{2.5} monitors in Hawaii:**
https://www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=airnow.local_state&stateid=12&mapcenter=0&tabs=0

The Department of Health has advised residents and visitors to be prepared and aware of the surrounding conditions, and how they feel or may react to vog in the air

Here are some precautionary measures to take in the event of vog conditions:

- Reduce outdoor activities that cause heavy breathing. Avoiding outdoor activity and exercise during vog conditions can reduce exposure and minimize health risks. This is especially important for sensitive groups such as children, the elderly, and individuals with pre-existing medical conditions such as asthma, bronchitis, emphysema or heart disease.
- Stay indoors and close windows and doors. If an air conditioner is used, set it to recirculate.
- Always keep medications on hand and readily available. Daily prescribed medications should be taken on schedule.
- Contact a doctor as soon as possible if any health problems develop.
- Do not smoke and avoid second-hand smoke.
- Drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.
- Have family emergency plans prepared and ready.

AirNow EnviroFlash

- Email notifications
- Subscribe at <http://www.enviroflash.info/>



Current Air Quality for Kona, HI

Tuesday, June 05 - 12 AM

The most recent hourly estimate of Particle Pollution (2.5 microns) reached 129 AQI (Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups).

Orange

We are sending you this alert because your local air quality may be changing. Take action appropriate for your health conditions – and please monitor the latest conditions at www.airnow.gov.

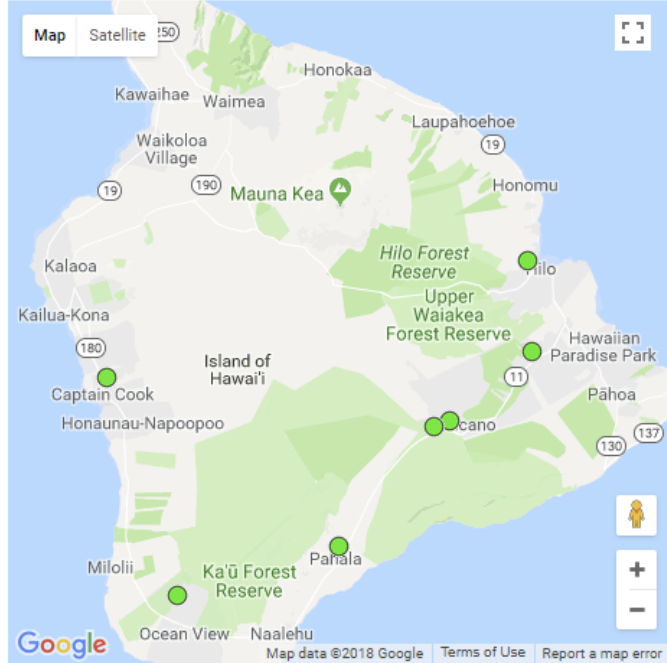
Hawaii SO2 Advisory

www.hiso2index.info



Hawai'i Short Term SO2 Advisory

The information on this page provides current sulfur dioxide (SO2) levels due to the Kilauea Volcano on the Island of Hawai'i. Click on the site links for current day historical data. For additional information about other air pollutants, please visit [AIRNow's Hawai'i State Page](#).



Site	SO2 (ppm)	Air Quality	Time
Hawai'i Volcanoes NP - Jaggar Museum	0.10	Good	1:15 pm
Hawai'i Volcanoes NP - Visitor's Center	0.04	Good	1:15 pm
Hilo	0.00	Good	12:30 pm
Kona	0.06	Good	1:15 pm
Mountain View	0.00	Good	1:15 pm
Pahala	0.08	Good	12:45 pm
Ocean View	0.03	Good	1:15 pm

Advisory Levels

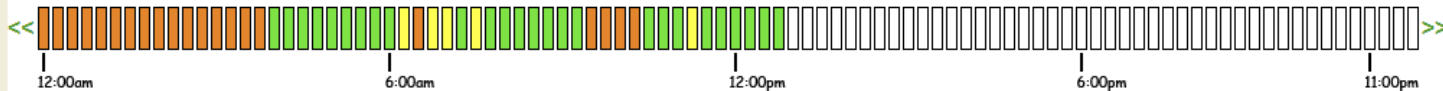


More Information

- [Short-term Sulfur Dioxide \(SO2\) Advisory Level Information \(pdf\)](#)
- [AIRNow's Hawai'i State Page](#)
- [National Park Service - Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park](#)
- [Hawaii Ambient Air Quality Data](#)
- [Clean Air Branch - Home Page](#)
- [County of Hawaii Civil Defense](#)
- [Vog Measurement and Prediction Project \(VMAP\)](#)
- [USGS Volcano Hazards Program](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions on Vog from Kilauea Volcano](#)
- [Data Disclaimer](#)

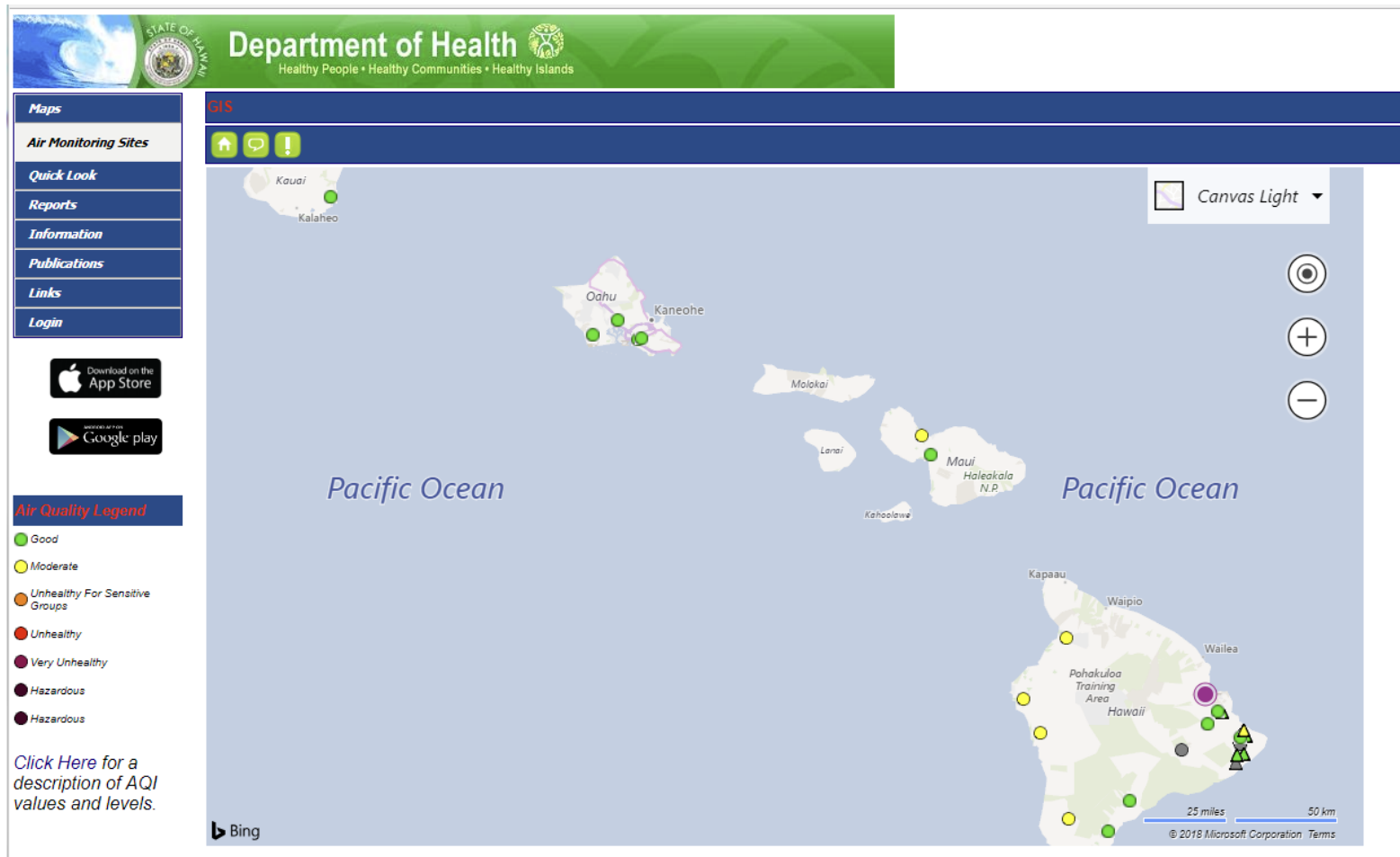
5/29/2018 (HST) Go

Pahala



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Hawaii Ambient Air Quality



VMAP

Vog Measurement and Prediction Project

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- **Collaborators**
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VMAP

Vog Measurement and Prediction Project

IN THE SCHOOL OF OCEAN AND EARTH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA

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are achievable and useful. Project collaborators are making the feasibility study available to the public through this Web site, but as an ongoing investigation, VMAP currently provides limited service and reliability. Thus, VMAP users should have no expectation of accuracy or timeliness, and project data should not be used for decision making purposes at this time. Comments and inquiries can be directed to the appropriate contact.

Vog is primarily a mixture of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) gas and sulfate (SO₄) aerosol. SO₂ (invisible) reacts with oxygen and moisture in the air to produce SO₄ aerosol (visible). SO₂ is expected to be the main problem in areas near the vent (Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Pahala, Na'alehu, Hawaiian Ocean View Estates) and SO₄ aerosol is expected to be the main problem at locations far from the vent (Kona and farther north and west).

Vog Model

The model output animation and accompanying forecast table is generated using the HYSPLIT numerical dispersion model. The model uses estimates of volcano emissions along with forecast winds to predict the concentrations of sulfur dioxide gas (SO₂) and sulfate aerosol particles (SO₄) downwind of the ongoing Kilauea eruption. This is a research effort that is in progress.

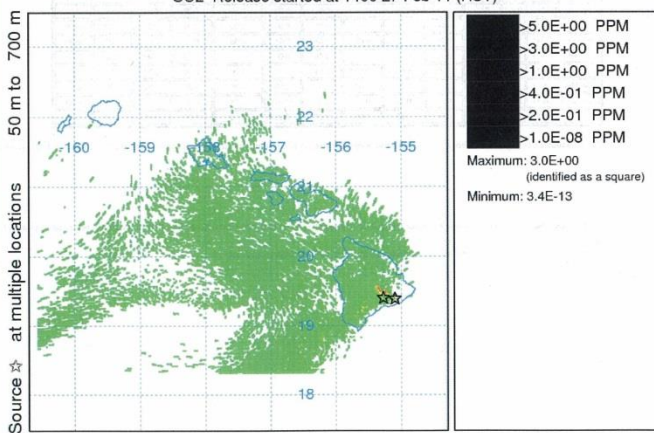
Click here for model statistics. For a history of the VMAP model parameters, click here.

Select Region: [Big Island](#) | Hawaiian Islands
 Select Variable: [SO2 | Sulfate Aerosols](#)
 Select Animation Style: [GIF](#) | [Java](#)

HYSPLIT Animated GIF

Concentration (PPM) averaged between 0 m and 100 m
 Integrated from 1400 27 Feb to 1500 27 Feb 11 (HST)
 SO2 Release started at 1400 27 Feb 11 (HST)

50 m to 700 m
Source at multiple locations



>5.0E+00 PPM

>3.0E+00 PPM

>1.0E+00 PPM

>4.0E-01 PPM

>2.0E-01 PPM

>1.0E-08 PPM

Maximum: 3.0E+00
(identified as a square)

Minimum: 3.4E-13

AWRF METEOROLOGICAL DATA

	Hazardous
	Very Unhealthy
	Unhealthy
	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups
	Moderate
	Good

Air Quality Data on the Internet

- Hawaii Short Term SO₂ Advisory:
<http://www.hiso2index.info/>
- AIRNow's Hawaii State Page:
http://airnow.gov/now.local_state&stateid=12&tab=0
- National Park Service – Hawaii Volcanoes National Park:
<http://www.nature.nps.gov/air/WebCams/parks/havoso2alert/havoalert.cfm>
- Hawaii Ambient Air Quality Data:
<http://emdweb.doh.hawaii.gov/air-quality/>
- Vog Measurement and Prediction Project VMAP:
<http://mkwc.ifa.hawaii.edu/vmap/hysplit/>

Hawaii Interagency Vog Information Dashboard



[Home](#) [What is vog?](#) [Vog forecasts](#) [Current AQ](#) [Vog fact sheets](#) [Health effects](#) [Protect yourself](#) [Advice for visitors](#)

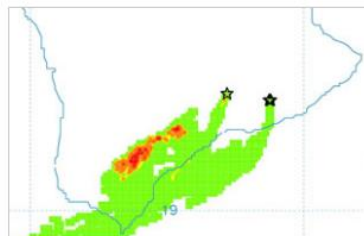
Hawaii Interagency Vog Information Dashboard

Welcome to the Vog Dashboard. Please click on the links below to find comprehensive information and data related to vog and its impacts.



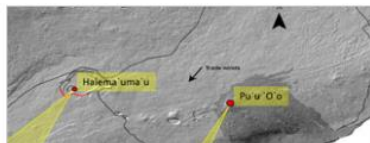
What is vog?

Description of vog and links to factsheets



Vog and wind forecasts

Links to the VMAP vog and NWS wind forecast models



General Information

- Hawaii Interagency Vog Information Dashboard:
<http://vog.ivhhn.org>
- National Park Service for park closures and advisories
www.nps.gov/havo/closed-areas.htm
- County of Hawaii Kilauea Eruption Update
<http://lavainfo.us>
- Hawaii county civil Defense for current information, advisory or message
<http://co.hawaii.hi.us/cd/message.htm>
- American Lung Association of Hawaii
<http://www.ala-hawaii.org/>

Ambient Air Monitoring



Existing HDOH and NPS Monitors

- 5 HDOH and 2 NPS monitoring stations
- Measures sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and particulates (PM_{2.5})
- Located in Kona, Hilo, Ocean View, Pahala, Mountain View and the Volcano National Park
- Data available on websites
- Puna station was taken by the lava

Pahala and Oceanview SO2

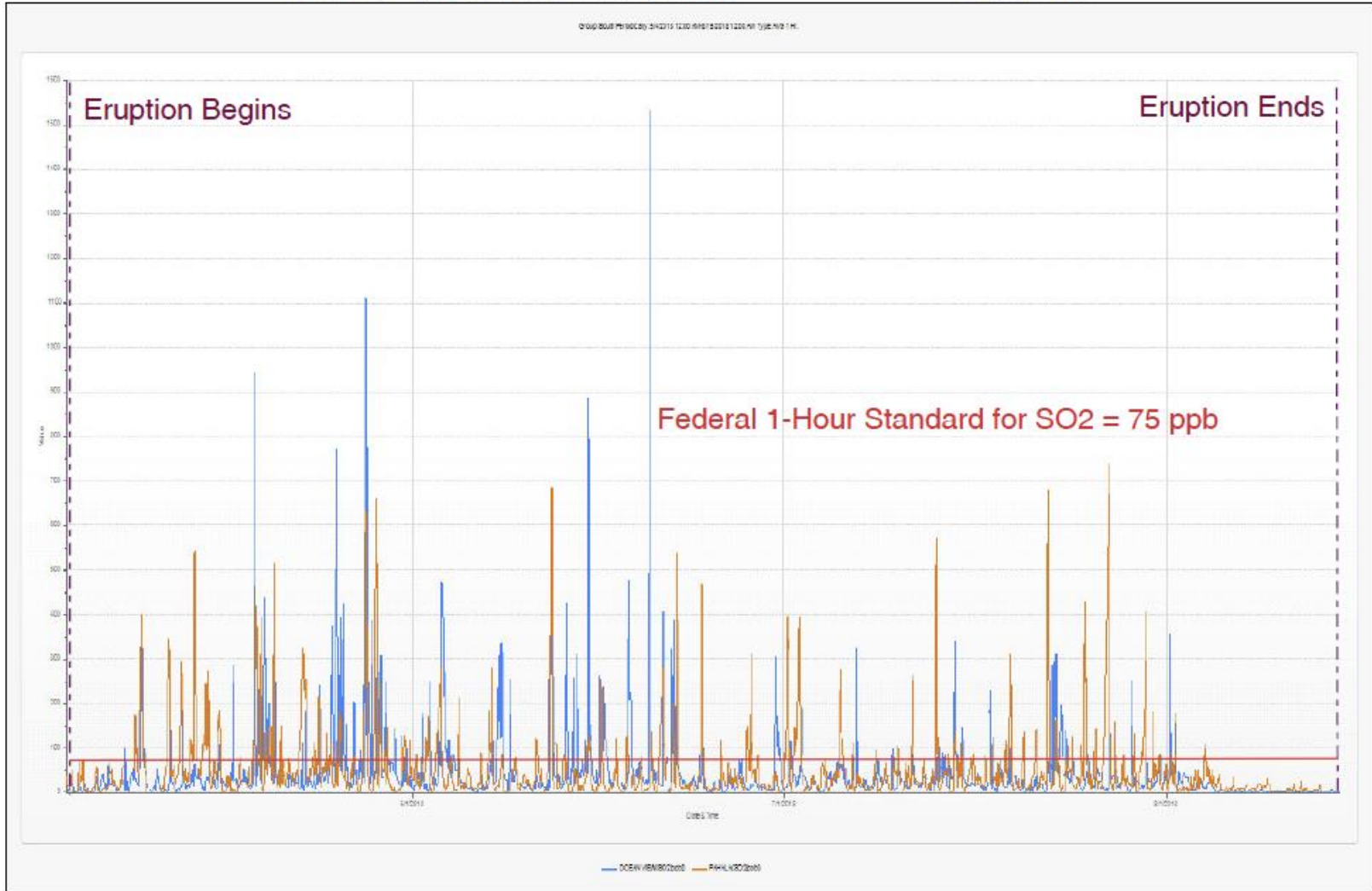
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Report Type: Group South

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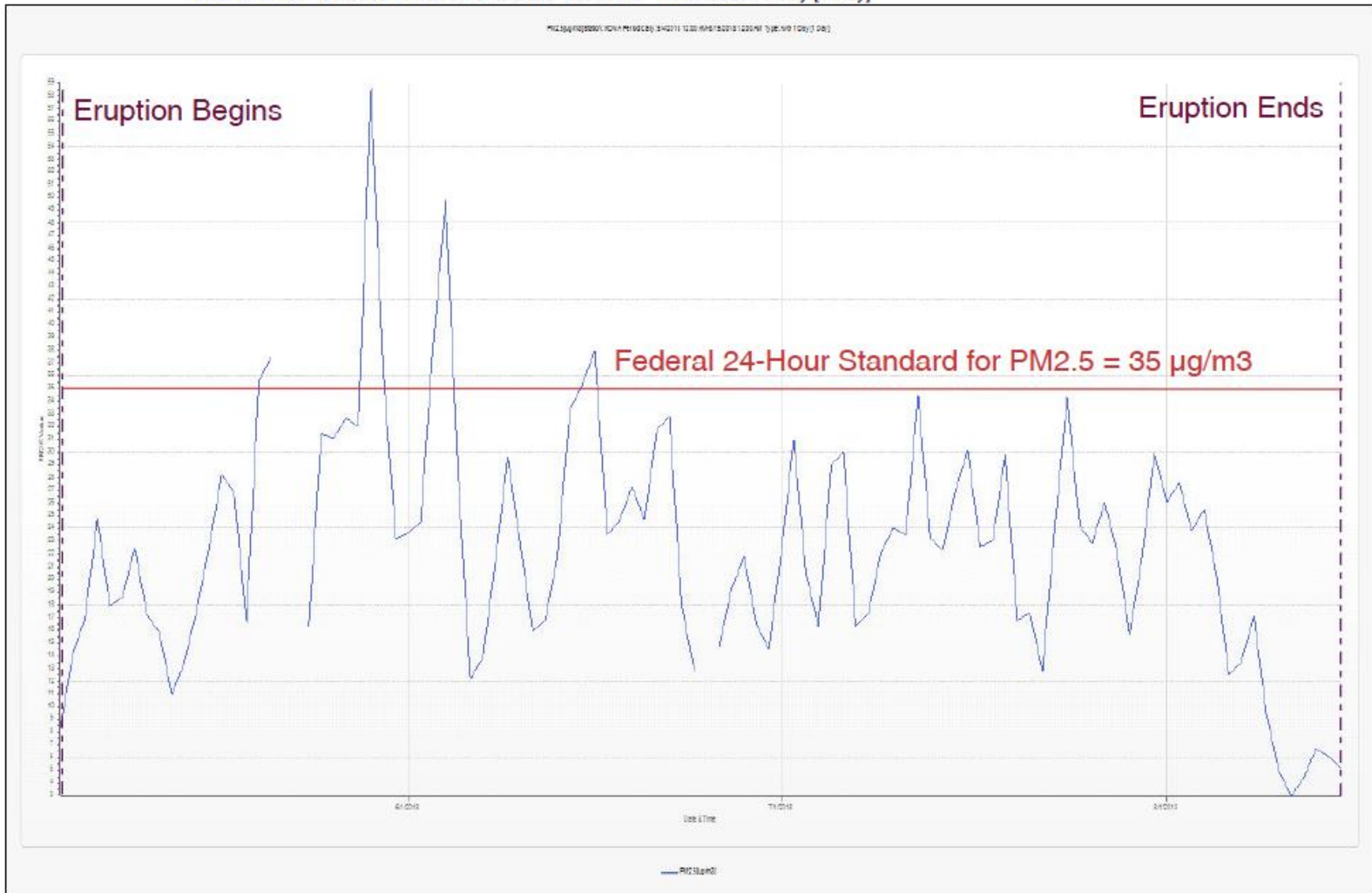
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Time Base: 1 Hr.



Kona PM2.5

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Vog in Kona

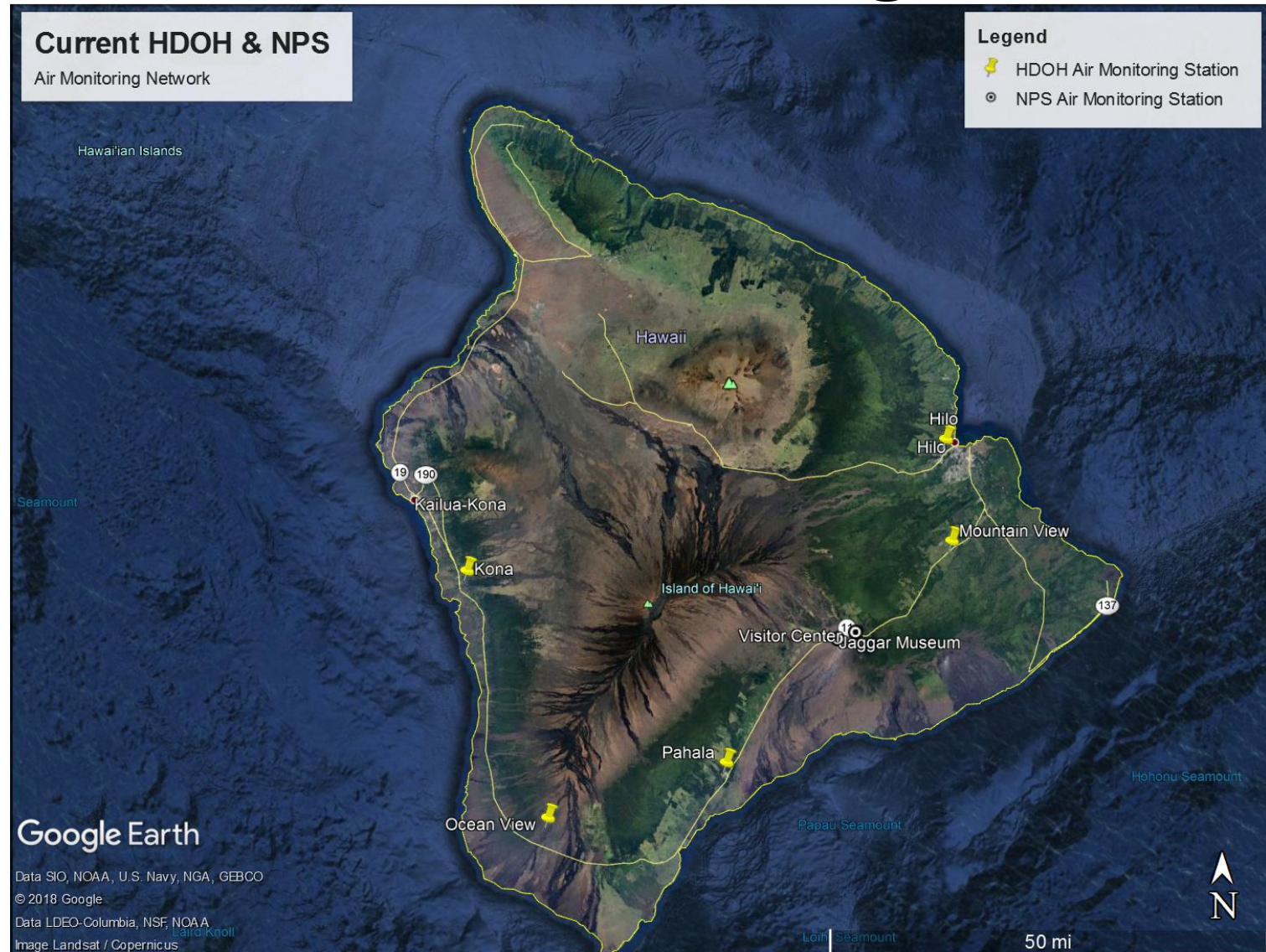
Before



Now



HDOH and NPS Existing Monitors



Additional Air Monitoring Stations

- Developing plan for long term stations
- Place additional stations in communities where currently no monitoring
- Replace the temporary EPA and MIT sensors
- Special purpose monitors (SPM)
- Regulatory monitors (SLAMS)
- Provide the data to the public



Additional Monitoring

- Proposed 10 additional monitoring stations
- Measures sulfur dioxide and fine particulates
- Around Hawaii Island
- Populated areas
- Targeted schools
- Community Feedback
- Few months to a year to establish and deploy

Siting Requirements

- Area 12 by 18 feet
- Security
- Access
- Utilities (electrical and communications)
- Meet EPA siting guidelines
- Approvals
- Lease or MOU agreements

Challenges of Siting

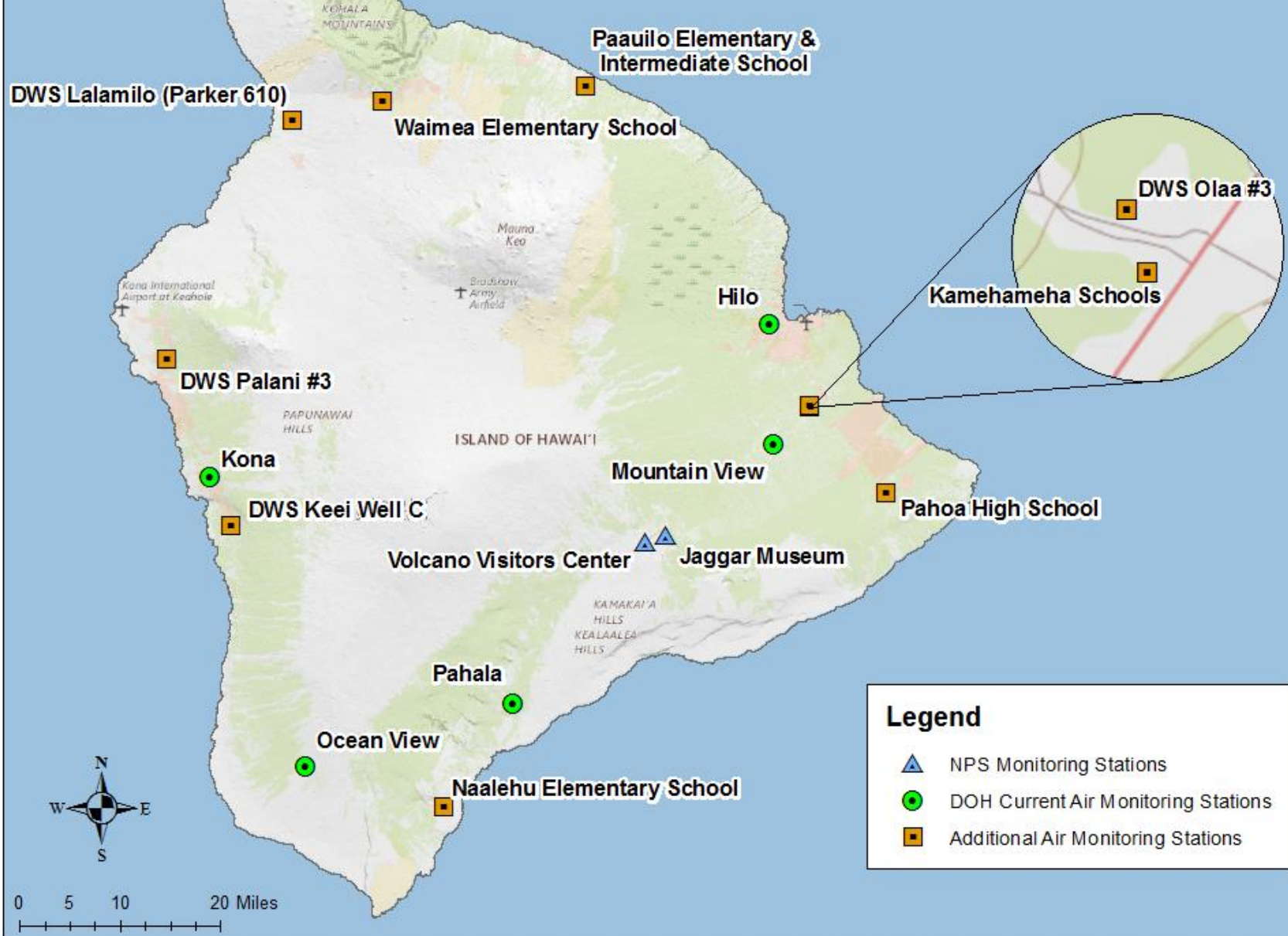
- Costs (site improvements)
- Security issues, vandalism and theft
- Finding open areas
- Away from other sources of pollution (construction, imu)
- Does not meet EPA siting guidelines
- Schools
 - Policies, procedures, rules to abide by
 - Liability/safety concerns for students and staff
 - Lack of space
 - Lack of utilities

Additional Regulatory Monitoring Stations

HAWAII LONG TERM REGULATORY MONITORING STATIONS SITES AS OF JULY 19, 2018									
GEOGRAPHIC AREA	Puna	Puna	Puna	Kau	South Kona	North Kona	South Kohala	South Kohala	Hamakua
LOCATION	Pahoia	Keaau	Keaau	Naalehu	Honamaunuu	Kealahou	Waikoloa	Waimea	Paauilo
SITE	DOE Pahoia High School (behind gymnasium)	Kamehameha Schools Switch Gear Building	DWS Olaa #3	DOE Naalehu Elementary School USGS Seismograph Bldg.	DWS Keel Well C Painted Church Rd., south end of facility	DWS Palani #3 - ZMIL Access from Tomi-Tomi Drive	DWS Lalaimilo (Parker 610)	Waimea Elementary School	Paauilo Elementary & Intermediate School
Priority for PM 2.5	5	6	6	4	1	3	2	7	8
Priority for SO2	1	2	2	3	4	7	8	5	6
GPS COORDINATES	19° 29' 16.92"N 154° 56' 28.84"W	19° 36' 19.22"N 155° 03' 04.63"W	19° 36' 21.41"N 155° 03' 05.30"W	19° 03' 38.36"N 155° 34' 45.00"W	19° 26' 33.95"N 155° 53' 08.66"W	19° 40' 08.37"N 155° 58' 43.06"W	19° 59' 39.03"N 155° 47' 53.10"W	20° 01' 06.06"N 155° 40' 04.53"W	20° 02' 25.21"N 155° 22' 31.20"W
Elevation	690 feet	590 feet	600 feet	644 feet	900 feet	910 feet	590 feet	2675 feet	860 feet
APPROVAL OBTAINED	REQUEST LETTER SENT WRITTEN APPROVAL RECEIVED (VIA EMAIL)	REQUEST LETTER SENT WAITING FOR MOU FROM KSH	REQUEST LETTER SENT VERBAL APPROVAL WAITING FOR WRITTEN	REQUEST LETTER SENT PENDING PRINCIPAL Custodian ok'd site	REQUEST LETTER SENT VERBAL APPROVAL WAITING FOR WRITTEN	REQUEST LETTER SENT VERBAL APPROVAL WAITING FOR WRITTEN	REQUEST LETTER SENT VERBAL APPROVAL WAITING FOR WRITTEN	REQUEST LETTER PENDING VERBAL APPROVAL WAITING FOR WRITTEN	PENDING CONTACT WITH PRINCIPAL
Contact Information	DARLENE BEE PRINCIPAL 313-4300	PETER FUCHS DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS OPERATIONS 982-0038	CLYDE YOUNG MECHANICAL ENGINEER V 961-8790	DARLENE JAVAR PRINCIPAL 313-4000	ROBERT RAVENSCRAFT WATER DISTRICT SUPERVISOR 322-0600	ROBERT RAVENSCRAFT WATER DISTRICT SUPERVISOR 322-0600	WILLIAM O'NEIL 887-3030	SCOTT TAMURA PRINCIPAL 887-7636	MICHELLE BARBER PRINCIPAL 776-7710
Electrical									
HELCO Installation required	YES (estimate \$1,200)	YES (estimate \$2,400)	YES (estimate \$6,000)	NO	YES (estimate \$7,500)	YES	NO	YES	YES
Electrical Contractor required	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
SECURITY									
Area secured	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Need additional security	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
SITING REQUIREMENTS									
Inlet probe unobstructed	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
unrestricted airflow arc of 270 degrees including predominant wind path away from sources such as incineration or furnaces	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
10 meters or further from tree drip lines	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	may need to trim one tall tree/bush on property	YES
Minimum 1 meter vertically or horizontally away from any supporting	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2-7 meters above the ground	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
immediate surrounding monitoring site not bare ground	YES (grass)	YES (grass)	YES (grass)	YES (grass)	NO (lava rock & gravel)	YES (gravel)	YES (gravel)	YES	YES
Neighborhood scale	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Away from Road	NO (30 ft.)	YES (approx. 100 ft.)	YES (approx. 300 ft.)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Notes		Select either Keaau site	Select either Keaau site May need to grade	Need to install window AC May need platform for PM	May need to grade Ensure that power pole does not interfere with access to tank	Provide coverage for Kailua-Kona/Holualoa Currently no electrical outlets may consider solar EBAM	Provide coverage for Waikoloa Village/resort area	Security issues	

DOH Current & Additional Air Monitoring Stations

(Updated July 19, 2018)





Clean Air Branch

- Answer public and media calls or inquiries
- Provide information/data/technical guidance to Hawaii County, EPA, DOH DOC, and other Agencies
- Work with the DOH Communications to draft press releases and advisories
- Attended community meetings
- Reached out to EPA and other states for air monitoring equipment (sensors and analyzers)
- Reached out to EPA for assistance with funding
- Initiate plans for long term ambient air monitoring



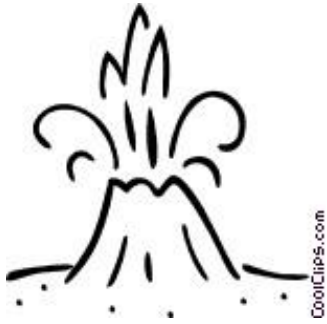
Challenges - Monitoring

- Ambient air monitoring suddenly becomes emergency response monitoring
- Everyone wants a monitor in their backyard
- How many monitors and where to place them?
- Limitations and reliability of the data collection and data acquisition system
- Procurement and funding issues
- Providing email alerts from monitoring stations
- Maintaining possibly 15 stations on the Big Island with limited resources
- How to forecast due to the unpredictable nature of the volcanic emissions, topography and wind patterns
- Exceedance notification requirements



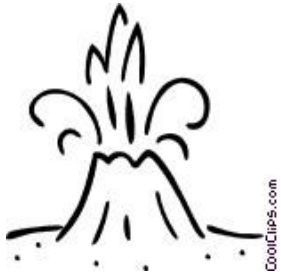
Other Challenges

- Coordination with other agencies
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Communication
- Unpredictable high level spikes lasting from 5 minutes to several hours
- Agreement on advisory levels and time periods (5 minutes, 15 minutes, 1 hour)
- Public education, outreach and notification
 - Health effects, masks, air purifiers, shelter in place, etc.
 - Alerts, advisories, notifications, etc.
 - Tourism and businesses
- Providing information to people with no internet access



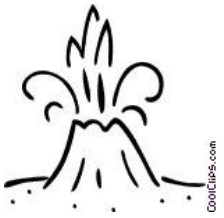
Lessons Learned

- Data must be of good quality, reliable, and useful to be meaningful
- To be useful the public needs to understand what the data means
- Shelter in place instead of evacuating
- The public wants timely alerts, notifications, and information
- To prevent public confusion information or alerts should be standardized
- Communicating health risk and educating the public is extremely important



Ongoing

- Continue to improve our monitoring capabilities and website to provide more timely information to the public
- Provide email notification to the public and media
- Forecasting air quality for particulates and SO₂
- Exceptional events documentation due to the daily exceedances of the 1 hour SO₂ standard
- Improve and update mitigation plans
- EPA Vog conference calls
- Vog studies
- Public outreach to educate the public



Preparedness and Planning

- Office of Public Health Preparedness
 - Determine roles and responsibilities
 - Provide training
 - Improve coordination between agencies
- Build capabilities for forecasting
- Prepare information for the public, press releases and advisories
- Ensure adequate inventory of equipment
- Reach out to other agencies for resources
- Comprehensive up-to-date Emergency Mitigation Plans
- Plan now for the possibility of the next event

We would like to acknowledge all of the state agencies and other organizations that offered assistance to Hawaii during this critical time. We would also like to give a special thanks to the organizations that loaned Hawaii air monitoring equipment during this event.

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- NACAA
- Western States Air Resources Council (WESTAR)
- California Air Resources Board (CARB)
- Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
- Arizona DEQ
- State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Acknowledgements

A painting of a woman with long, flowing, multi-colored hair (yellow, orange, red, green) against a dark background. The woman has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the left. The background is dark and textured, possibly representing a cave or a natural setting.

Our thanks to everyone involved in assisting with or working on this ongoing exceptional event. There were too many to list...

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