Paving the Way for Sustainable Wastewater Management in Hawai‘i

Hawaii's Decentralized Wastewater Responsible Management Entity (HDRME)

HiRME, supported through the EPA's Rural, Small, and Tribal (RST) grant program, brings together industry, academia, and government sectors, revolutionizing decentralized wastewater management through targeted training, the establishment of RMEs in key counties, and comprehensive community outreach and education to address pressing financial, operational, and technical capacity needs for decentralized systems infrastructure and long-term management.

Three Core Objectives

Stakeholder and Community Training

Guide the development of specialized training to provide customized wastewater management curriculum for diverse stakeholders

Technical Asssistance to Build RME Capacity

Provide technical and professional expertise to build RME capacity for cesspool conversions and long-term management

Outreach and Education

Lead a strategic outreach campaign to boost public awareness and tailor sustainable wastewater resources for Hawai‘i's rural and Native Hawaiian communities

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A **Responsible Management Entity (RME)** is an organization consisting of diverse stakeholders with technical, managerial, and financial capacity to operate and maintain viable decentralized wastewater systems within the RME's jurisdiction.

HiRME Program Focuses

- HELP TO ESTABLISH RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT ENTITIES ACROSS HAWAI‘I
- BUILD FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL, AND OPERATIONAL CAPACITY FOR COMMUNITIES
- SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE CESSPOOL CONVERSIONS
- PROVIDING TRAINING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND PUBLIC EDUCATION
- STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION ACROSS AGENCIES, COMMUNITIES, AND INDUSTRIES

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