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I am recommending the regulation of the chemical sunscreens that damage the reefs. I have used only the mineral sunscreens (zinc oxide & titanium oxide) for years because the others give me a headache when applied to my face. I am a newly trained volunteer ocean water tester in South Maui and I hope that the continuing testing will continue documenting the nitrogen and other nutrient pollution levels as much as nine times over acceptable levels from injection wells in Kihei, Honokowai, and if testing is started in Kahului also documenting the water quality near Kanaha. I stopped swimming at Kanaha as well as at Kamaole One beaches due to the visibly murky conditions. I hope for a timely end to the use of injection wells by Maui County by upgrading recycled water treatment and finding creative reuse projects such as reforestation or green belts above Kihei and Lahaina if Ag users cannot be found or if longer transmission lines are too costly.-Steve Paselk