

WASSP Committee

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Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 10:02 AM
To: WASSP Committee
Cc: Alice Hale; Clarissa L. MacDonald
Subject: RFLS re: WASSP-1(14)
Attachments: WASSP-1(14) 2024-08-07 RFLS Sinenci.pdf

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Hi everyone,

The County can put conditions on its own volunteers (e.g., being at least 18 years of age, agreeing to sign a waiver of liability, etc.) and could make wearing PPE a condition of volunteering in the burn zone. To require volunteers to participate in the Maui Wildfire Exposure Study may be more difficult, from a practical standpoint: to participate in the study a person must have (1) resided or worked in or near the affected area in August 2023 and (2) are expected to be in Hawaii for at least five years and willing to participate every year. How would the County verify that a volunteer lived or worked near the burn zone in August of 2023, or monitor volunteer compliance for the following five years? I don't think the County could even verify that a person went to the initial appointment (where blood, saliva, and urine samples are taken), as participation in the study is anonymous.

I hope that helps answer your question. If you have any more specific questions or ideas on this matter, let me know.

Mahalo!

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LF # 2023-25*

REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES


Date: August 7, 2024
From: Shane M. Sinenci, Chair
Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee

TRANSMITTAL
Memo to: DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL
Attention: Selina Pannell, Esq.

Subject: MAUI WILDFIRE EXPOSURE COHORT STUDY (WASSP-1(14))

Background Data: At its meeting of August 5, 2024, the Committee discussed restricting volunteers from accessing the Lahaina burn zone for public health reasons because areas may still contain toxic ash debris. Can the County restrict access for volunteers who choose not to participate in the Maui Wildfire Exposure Study or wear recommended personal protective equipment? May I please request you transmit your response to wassp.committee@mauicounty.us with a reference to WASSP-1(14) by Tuesday, August 27, 2024.

Work Requested: [] FOR APPROVAL AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
[X] OTHER: See above

Requestor's signature  Shane M. Sinenci, Chair	Contact Person Clarissa MacDonald or Carla Nakata (Telephone Extension: 7135 or 5519, respectively)
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[X] ROUTINE (WITHIN 15 WORKING DAYS) [] RUSH (WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS)
[] PRIORITY (WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS) [] URGENT (WITHIN 3 WORKING DAYS)
[] SPECIFY DUE DATE (IF IMPOSED BY SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES):
REASON:

FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL'S RESPONSE

ASSIGNED TO: SRP	ASSIGNMENT NO. 2023-25*	BY: jap
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TO REQUESTOR: [] APPROVED [] DISAPPROVED [] OTHER (SEE COMMENTS BELOW)
[] RETURNING--PLEASE EXPAND AND PROVIDE DETAILS REGARDING ITEMS AS NOTED

COMMENTS (NOTE - THIS SECTION NOT TO BE USED FOR LEGAL ADVICE):

APPROVED
By Selina Pannell at 9:44 am, Aug 28, 2024

DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL