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## Celebrate National Water Monitoring Day with USGS on October 18, 2002

On October 18, thirty years will have passed since the passage of the Clean Water Act—a milestone to reflect and celebrate our advancements toward cleaner water, and to move forward with even more vigor and partnerships. In recognition of this anniversary, America's Clean Water Foundation, in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and a multitude of other governmental agencies and environmental groups, have started an annual tradition—National Water Monitoring Day.

The USGS Water Resources office in Honolulu, Hawaii, along with the State of Hawaii Commission on Water Resource Management, will be sponsoring activities at a stream gage on Waiahole Stream in windward Oahu to celebrate National Water Monitoring Day. There will be a brief ceremony on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to dedicate this recently constructed gage and its newly installed real-time transmitter. There will be exhibits and displays that illustrate how this and other gages in the Waiahole-Waikane-Kahana watersheds allow the USGS to provide water resource information to the other agencies and the general public. Staff will be on hand to discuss the importance of water monitoring, including flow and quality. Students of all ages, representatives of state and local governments, and the general public are invited. Handouts and publications on many water-related topics will be available for attendees.

A major mission of USGS is to provide science and expertise for increased understanding of water issues and good decisions that lead to stronger and healthier communities. The agency has monitored the quality and flow of our nation's streams since its inception in 1879. Currently, the agency monitors continuous stream flow at more than 7,000 sites across the Nation. The large USGS database on water-quality conditions and other information is publicly available and can be readily accessed at <http://water.usgs.gov/nwis>.

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Directions: From Kaneohe, take Kamehameha Highway toward Kahuku. Turn left on Waiahole Valley Road and park. Stream gage is located behind Waiahole Poi Factory.

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