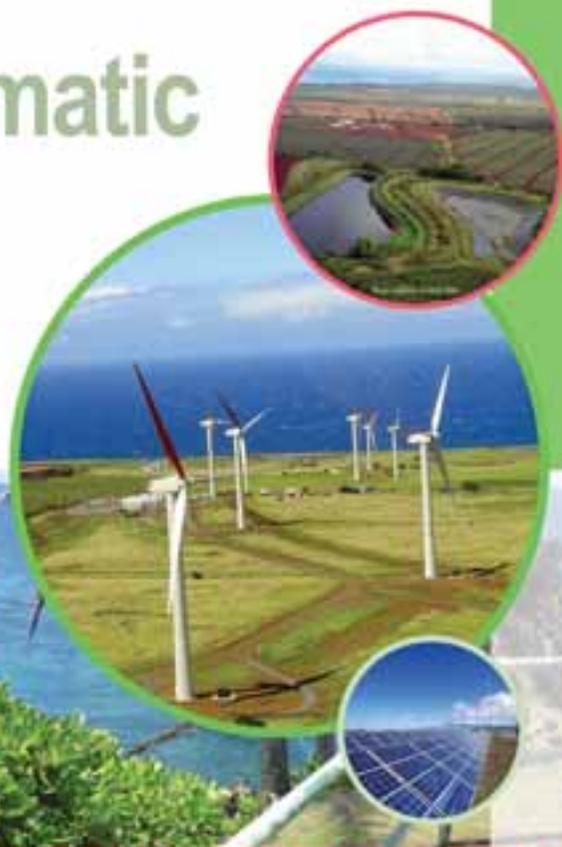


HAWAI'I Clean Energy Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

The Department of Energy's purpose and need is to support the State of Hawai'i in its efforts to meet 70% of the State's energy needs by 2030 through clean energy. DOE proposes to use the Hawai'i Clean Energy Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to help it develop guidance that DOE can use in making decisions about future funding or other actions to support Hawai'i in meeting its clean energy goals. The PEIS process gives the people of Hawai'i the opportunity to have their opinions heard by DOE and its cooperating agencies on renewable energy activities and technologies that could be used to achieve Hawai'i's clean energy goals.



WHAT IS A PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT?

A PEIS is a document prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as the development of programs or the setting of priorities for activities in an area. It considers broad impacts of large-scale programs - in this case, the potential implementation of energy efficiency activities and renewable energy technologies. A PEIS does not address the impacts of site- and project-specific actions and locations. Those impacts will be analyzed in project-specific environmental review processes.

The Hawai'i Clean Energy PEIS will analyze the potential environmental impacts of future DOE actions that fall within each of the following five clean energy categories:

