

# What types of Development do SMA Permits regulate?

## Pursuant to HRS Section 205A-22:

“Development” means any of the uses, activities, or operations on land or in or under water within the SMA that are included below:

- 1) Placement or erection of any solid material or any gaseous, liquid, solid, or thermal waste;
- 2) Grading, removing, dredging, mining, or extraction of any materials;
- 3) Change in the density or intensity of use of land, including but not limited to the division or subdivision of land;
- 4) Change in the intensity of use of water, ecology related thereto, or of access thereto; and
- 5) Construction, reconstruction, demolition, or alteration of the size of any structure.

The SMA permitting system regulates all types of land uses and activities under a broad definition of “development” within the SMA. Some specifically defined land uses and activities may be exempt if they do not otherwise have a significant impact in the SMA.

The following are examples of what is regulated or may be excluded from SMA permitting:

### What the SMA Permit regulates:



#### HOTELS



#### SUBDIVISIONS



#### COMMERCIAL AREAS

### What may be excluded:



#### AGRICULTURE



#### INTERIOR ALTERATIONS OR NON-STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS



#### SINGLE FAMILY HOMES



#### UNDERGROUND UTILITIES