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Concrete Washout Systems, Inc. (CWS), a California-based company that specializes in capturing and containing concrete washout material and wastewater, will make its Hawaii debut this month. The products will be introduced at the Masonry & Concrete Expo, June 23-25 at the Hawaii Convention Center, by Gregory Perrin, owner of American Standard Concrete Pumping Hawaii, Inc. and head of CWS Hawaii. The Hawaii operation will be up and running by mid-June with plans for Maui, then Kona, operations.

“Concrete washout is a huge problem for our island construction community,” Perrin says. “CWS is the first system that fully addresses all the problems associated with concrete washout. This system will help protect our island’s limited natural resources, landfills, marine life, water supply and the beauty of our island paradise.” He says the building industry currently uses anything they can find, when it comes to cleaning out concrete trucks, pumps or equipment. “The pumpers use a lot of plastic kiddie pools, 42 to 48 inches around, and contractors make boxes and/or pits, lined with plastic,” he says.

CWS uses a portable, self-contained and watertight bin that captures and controls concrete washout, which is then recycled off-site. The product is being used in California; Las Vegas and Reno, Nev.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Denver, Colo.; and southeast Florida. Concrete Washout Systems received the Most Innovative Product Award at the 2005 World of Concrete tradeshow and has also participated in ABC’s “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.”