

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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235 S. BERETANIA STREET, HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813
DECEMBER 15, 2011, 1400 HOURS UNTIL 1600 HOURS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Malia Akutagawa; David Atkin; Peter Cooper; Gary Hooser (Director of Environmental Quality Control, *ex officio*); Shannon Mears; Charles Prentiss; John Richards; Mary Steiner (Chairperson); and Marjorie Ziegler.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Glenn; Robert Inouye, James Sullivan, Iris Terashima

PUBLIC PRESENT/OTHER: David Penn (University of Hawai'i, Environmental Center), Edward G. Bohlen, Esq. (Deputy Attorney General); and Leslie Segundo (Staff)

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:** With a quorum of eight members, Chairperson Steiner called the meeting to order at 1407 hours with a request that all sign in and view the public folder.
2. **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 17, 2011 MEETING MINUTES:** Chairperson Steiner and members briefly reviewed the November 17, 2011, minutes, and entertained comments and corrections. The following corrections were noted.
 - Item 2, the date for approval of the meeting minutes should read "October 20, 2011."
 - Item 3b, strike "statutes" and replace with "be prepared within thirty-days."
 - Item 4b, strike "been" and replace with "been conducted."
 - Item 6, include the phrase "brief discussion."

MOTION: Ms. Akutagawa moved, and Mr. Sullivan seconded that the Environmental Council approve the minutes of November 17, 2011, as corrected. The motion was unanimously approved by acclamation.
3. **CHAIRS REPORT**

Chairperson Steiner reminded the Council committee chairs to prepare minutes for standing committee meetings. She also request that members attend the January 19, 2012, meeting. Noting that several members have terms that will expire on June 30, 2012, the Chairperson asked interest persons to please submit required nomination materials to the Governor's office as soon as possible.
4. **OEQC DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - A. **Report on Statewide Education and Outreach Training:** Director Hooser reported that the Office had just concluded its Educational Outreach Training for 2011. There were thirteen separate sessions serving approximately two-thousand persons throughout the State: five on Oahu; two on Kauai; four on the Island of Hawaii; and two on the island of Maui. We did a total of 13seperate individual workshop around the state.
 - B. **2012 Legislative Outreach:** Director Hooser reported that he has been speaking informally to key legislators discussing various environmental issues. He reported on the status of the revised Guidance for the Hawaii Environmental Policy Act (HEPA), noting that the Guidance should be ready in 2012.
6. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. **Exemptions:** Committee Chair Atkin reported that the minutes for the previous meeting have been prepared and that at present, there is no backlog of requests. The Committee discussed the responses to the Chairperson's letter to all agencies regarding exemption contacts and rule changes. Mr. Atkin also noted that the committee also discussed assisting the Administrative

- Rules Committee in the area of exemptions. Mr. Atkin noted that the Committee looked at six topics and will evaluate any additional information.
- B. Administrative Rules: Chairperson Steiner reported that Committee Chair Glenn and the Committee members met two weeks prior to the present meeting to discuss joint NEPA and HEPA processing. In a brief discussion with legal counsel, the idea of having the committee constituted as an "investigative committee" was also discussed. MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Environmental Council appoint Mr. Scott Glenn as the sole member of the Investigative Committee on Administrative Rules. A brief discussion ensued and the motion was unanimously approved by acclamation.
 - C. Annual Report : Ms. Akutagawa reported for Committee Chair Terashima that no revisions or corrections were received from members concerning the draft report. She reported that the report should be ready very soon. Ms. Ziegler volunteered to assist in the editing. The Committee expects that the Environmental Council will meet the statutory deadline (January 31) to submit the annual report to the legislature.
 - D. Legislation: Committee Chair Mears reported that the Committee met earlier to discuss various items: Resolving to authorize Chairperson Steiner as spokesperson for the Environmental Council. MOTION: Ms. Ziegler moved, and Ms. Akutagawa seconded that the Environmental Council authorize Chairperson Steiner as its spokesperson before the Legislature. A brief discussion ensued and the motion was unanimously approved by acclamation. A brief discussion on SB 699 (fees bill) ensued..
- 7. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Chairperson Steiner request public testimony. Mr. David Penn (Environmental Center) reported that the University of Hawaii Environmental Center had just issued a notice for undergraduate assistant position whose primary tasks would be to assist during the legislation session.
 - 8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Chairperson Steiner reported that the Environmental Council is still receiving responses to its earlier exemption/rules contact letter.
 - 9. NEW BUSINESS: Chairperson Steiner announced that she plans to leave the Outdoor Circle by the end of February 2012, after nineteen years. She plans to start a new position in March 2012. .
 - 10. ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Chairperson Steiner adjourned the meeting at 1504 hours.

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TO: Ms. Mary Steiner, Chairperson
Environmental Council
Office of Environmental Quality Control

FROM: William J. Aila, Jr., Chairperson *William J. Aila, Jr.*

SUBJECT: Update of Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources

We respectfully propose the update of the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and request its review and approval by the Environmental Council. The requested items would help to facilitate the testing and analysis to provide ground truth and to determine the economic viability of a geothermal resource.

We look forward to working with you and the members of the Council. If there are any questions, please call Carty Chang, Chief Engineer of the Engineering Division, at 587-0230.

Attachment

DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Proposed HRS 343 Exemption Items

Exemption Class #5: Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

1. Conduct geothermal exploration activity that includes non-invasive geophysical operations for testing and analysis. Activities conducted under this exemption shall comply with all applicable codes, rules, regulations, guidelines or standards.
2. Conduct geothermal exploration activity that includes the drilling of exploration wells for the extraction and removal of minerals of such types and quantity that is reasonably required for testing and analysis. Activities conducted under this exemption shall comply with all applicable codes, rules, regulations, guidelines or standards. Geothermal exploration wells constructed under this exemption shall not be developed to serve geothermal resources unless an EA or EIS is completed in accordance with HRS Chapter 343.

Exemption Class #10: Continuing administrative activities including, but not limited to, purchases of supplies and personnel-related actions.

1. Issuance of mining or surface leases on State or reserved lands pursuant to HRS Chapter 182-4, 182-5, or 171-13, for purposes of conducting geothermal exploration activities. Activities conducted under this exemption shall comply with all applicable codes, rules, regulations, guidelines or standards. Geothermal activities in mining lease areas issued under this exemption shall not proceed beyond the exploration phase unless an EA or EIS is completed in accordance with HRS Chapter 343.

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January 24, 2012

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Ms. Mary Steiner, Chair
Environmental Council
State of Hawaii
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Ms. Steiner:

Subject: Update to Exemption List
Department of Environmental Services, City and County of Honolulu

The Department of Environmental Services (ENV), City and County of Honolulu, requests the Environmental Council's approval of some changes to ENV's Environmental Assessment (EA) Comprehensive Exemption List, which was last approved in December 2007. Attached is a copy of our proposed changes, which basically consist of three items added to Exemption Class #1, as indicated by the underlined text on page three. The changes are intended to clarify that certain recurring operations which generate minimal or no environmental impact are exempt.

We look forward to working with your agency through the process of obtaining approval of these proposed changes. Should you have any questions, please call Lisa Kimura, Civil Engineer, at 768-3455, or Jack Pobuk, CIP Program Coordinator, at 768-3464.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy E. Steinberger".

Timothy E. Steinberger, P.E.
Director

Attachment: Comprehensive Exemption List

**Comprehensive Exemption List
for the
City and County of Honolulu
Department of Environmental Services**

HISTORICAL NOTE

This exemption list for the Department of Environmental Services was reviewed and concurred upon by the Environmental Council on _____, 20__.

GENERAL NOTE

Section 343 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) authorizes the Environmental Council to establish procedures to exempt specific types of action from the need to prepare an environmental assessment because the action will have minimal or no significant effect on the environment.

The following types of projects will not be exempt:

1. Projects requiring detailed analysis as provided in an environmental assessment under §343-5. These include, but are not limited to, places listed on the Federal or State registers of historic places.
2. Projects in statutorily defined areas, including but not limited to: critical habitats, special management areas, special design districts, registered view planes or scenic corridors, wet lands, sanctuaries, special habitats, shoreline areas, tsunami inundation areas, or other designations; except where the work is eligible for exemption and there is no negative impact on the conditions that define these areas.
3. Major projects without an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); an Environmental Assessment with a Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI); or major projects that were never presented at a public meeting concerning site selection, master plan report, or any phase of incremental construction.
4. Major projects without a program to encourage public input into the design or siting of the project.

Pursuant to HAR Section 11-200-8 (B), all exemptions under the classes in this section are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of planned, successive actions of the same type, in the same place, over time, is significant, or when an action that is normally insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particularly sensitive environment, as expressed in #2 above.

Pursuant to the administrative rules promulgated under authority of Section 343-6(7) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), specifically Section 11-200-8; the Department of Environmental Services has determined that the following types of actions, where they fall within the given classes of action, shall generally be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

Exemption Class #1:

Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment or topographic features involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.

1. Clearing and grubbing
2. Construction staging areas, temporary
3. Drainage structures (e.g., culverts, outlets, inlets)
4. Earth berms, drainage swales, and stream banks
5. Equipment installations, including but not limited to pumps; motors; electrical transformers, cabinets, panels, and vaults; power, light, and telephone pole systems; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC); supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA); irrigation controllers; telephone stations; emergency electrical generators; and cathodic protection systems
6. Essential utilities, including but not limited, to wastewater systems, drainage systems, water systems, electrical systems, communication systems, SCADA systems, and fuel systems, except where a State Department of Health permit is required
7. Existing individual wastewater systems (cesspools, septic tanks, aerobic units)
8. Existing public facility structures, facilities, or equipment involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing
9. Existing topographical features involving negligible or no expansion or change or use beyond that previously existing (e.g., maintenance dredging including dewatering; stream bank restoration; maintenance of vegetated and/or lined swales, wet ponds, and/or other water quality features in parks and golf courses)
10. Exterior stems and stairways
11. Fencing, curbing, walls, and gates
12. Fumigation and treatment of buildings for termites, cockroaches, ants, vermin, and other pests using pesticides registered by the State Department of Agriculture and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
13. Landfill erosion control
14. Landfill gas and leachate system
15. Landscaping
16. Maintenance/storage sheds
17. Minor underpinning
18. On-site street cleaning
19. Operations, repairs or maintenance actions for compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements
20. Painting of existing buildings
21. Pavements (and striping, as needed), including but not limited to, roadways, driveways, parking lots, walkways, bikeways, jogging paths, or multi-use pathways
22. Planter boxes
23. Refuse collection schedule changes
24. Reroofing or roofing
25. Retaining walls and embankment/slope and erosion repairs
26. Roadways and right-of-way within the confines of a wastewater treatment plant, a wastewater pump station, or a landfill
27. Security lighting for public grounds, structures, and parking lots
28. Signs, posts, flag/banner poles
29. Temporary storage of construction equipment and materials on street remnant properties
30. Trash compactors
31. Trash enclosures and litter containers

32. Wastewater Force Mains (FMs) and associated appurtenances (including but not limited to, air relief valve, flow tube, gate valve, manual air relief valve or air bleeder, check valve, blow off valve, testing station)
33. Wastewater lines (mains and laterals)
34. Wastewater outfalls
35. Wastewater Pump Stations (WWPSs)
36. Wastewater spills
37. Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs)
38. Operation of City vehicles on existing City, State and private roads and roadway easements, including cars, trucks and trailers, but excluding operations that could result in significant traffic impacts.
39. Loading, delivery and unloading operations for liquid and solid materials to and from vehicles at existing wastewater treatment plants and pump stations, but excluding operations that could add nuisance odors at the property lines.
40. Loading, delivery and unloading operations for permissible materials to and from vehicles at landfills, waste-to-energy facilities, transfer stations, convenience centers, and disposal, processing or recycling facilities.

Exemption Class #2

Replacement or reconstruction of existing structure and facilities where the new structure will be located generally on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity, density, height, and dimensions as the structure replaced.

1. Accessible ramps and handrails
2. Bridge replacement
3. Bollards and vehicular access barriers
4. Clearing, grading, and grubbing
5. Drainage structures (e.g., culverts, outlets, inlets)
6. Earth berms, drainage swales, and stream banks
7. Equipment installations, including but not limited to pumps; motors; electrical transformers, cabinets, panels, and vaults; power, light, and telephone pole systems; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC); supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA); irrigation controllers; telephone stations; emergency electrical generators; and cathodic protection systems
8. Essential utilities, including but not limited, to wastewater systems, drainage systems, water systems, electrical systems, communication systems, SCADA systems, and fuel systems, except where a State Department of Health permit is required
9. Existing individual wastewater systems (cesspools, septic tanks, aerobic units)
10. Existing public facility structures, facilities, or equipment involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing
11. Existing topographical features involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing (e.g., reconfiguration of paved parking lots to redirect drainage flow to vegetated areas, demolition and/or regarding areas to provide storm water detention for water quality)
12. Exterior stems and stairways
13. Fencing, curbing, walls, and gates
14. Footbridge
15. Fuel tank modification, repair or replacement in compliance with Federal and State regulations and with concurrence of the State Department of Health
16. Fueling stations

17. Fumigation and treatment of buildings for termites, cockroaches, ants, vermin, and other pests using pesticides registered by the State Department of Agriculture and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
18. Guardrails
19. Landfill erosion control
20. Landfill gas and leachate system
21. Landscaping
22. Maintenance/storage sheds
23. Pavements (and striping, as needed), including but not limited to, roadways, driveways, parking lots, walkways, bikeways, jogging paths, or multi-use pathways
24. Planter boxes
25. Replacement or reconstruction actions for compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements
26. Retaining walls, embankment/slope, swale, and/or erosion control replacement and reconstruction
27. Roadways and right-of-way within the confines of a wastewater treatment plant, a wastewater pump station, or a landfill
28. Sanitary sewer line modification or replacement in generally the same alignment, or an adjacent parallel alignment, and with the same diameter pipe.
29. Sanitary sewer line rehabilitation, including linings, inserts and coatings applied to existing pipelines and manholes.
30. Sanitary sewer line replacement, with a pipe that is no larger than the next largest nominal diameter size than the existing pipe, in generally the same alignment, or an adjacent parallel alignment, due to the need to increase to a minimum diameter standard for maintenance purposes or to accommodate wet weather peak flows. For the purposes of this item, increasing to the next largest nominal diameter size is considered to be a minor change, and is substantially the same dimensions. Upsizing to larger diameter pipe to service new facilities or structures is precluded.
31. Sanitary sewer relief line, in an adjacent parallel alignment, due to the need to accommodate wet weather peak flows or to restore flow capacity decreased by defect in the existing sewer.
32. Sanitary sewer relief line, in an adjacent parallel alignment, to restore flow capacity for a section of existing sewer that experienced loss of capacity from original design.
33. Sanitary sewer temporary bypass incidental to sewer line rehabilitation, modification, or replacement.
34. Security lighting for public grounds, structures, and parking lots
35. Signs, posts, flag/banner poles
36. Trash compactors
37. Trash enclosures and litter containers
38. Vegetated and/or lined swales, wet ponds, or other water quality features in parks, golf courses, or other recreational areas
39. Wastewater facility/structures (to include, but not be limited to, manholes, junction boxes, tanks, incinerators, etc.)

Exemption Class #3

Construction and location of single, new, small facilities or structures and the alteration and modification of the same and installation of new, small, equipment and facilities and the alteration and modification of same, including but not limited to:

- a. Single-family residences less than 3,500 square feet not in conjunction with the building of two or more such units;

- b. Multi-unit structures designed for not more than four dwelling units if not in conjunction with the building of two or more such structures;
 - c. Stores, offices, and restaurants designed for total occupant load of 20 persons or less per structure, if not in conjunction with the building of two or more such structures; and
 - d. Water, sewage, electrical, gas, telephone, and other essential public utility services extension to serve such structure or facilities; accessory or appurtenant structure including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences; and acquisition of utility easements.
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1. Accessible ramps and handrails
 2. Acquisition of utility easements
 3. Auxiliary generators for emergency use
 4. Bollards and vehicular access barriers
 5. Carports
 6. Cathodic protection of pipelines and equipment
 7. Clearing, grading, and grubbing
 8. Comfort facilities at public facility properties
 9. Community recycling bin program expansion, limited to not more than a total bin footprint of 1,000 square feet within the same site.
 10. Construction and location of a single, new, small public facility structure, including but not limited to those intended for recreational, meeting, administration, maintenance, operations, and safety and protection (e.g., police, fire, emergency medical, and wastewater spill response) less than 3,500 square feet in floor area not in conjunction with the building of two or more such units
 11. Construction of ball wash facilities for golf courses
 12. Construction of concrete pads and roofs at existing fueling stations
 13. Construction of concrete pads and roofs for heavy equipment areas at selected maintenance facilities
 14. Construction of small vehicle wash equipment for recycling water at select City facilities
 15. Construction of roofs over existing outdoor showers at select park sites to allow connections to the wastewater system
 16. Construction of vehicle wash facilities for golf carts
 17. Construction or installation of an underground fuel tank with a maximum capacity of 4,000 gallons at fire and police stations
 18. Construction or installations of cesspools that require State Department of Health and Board of Water Supply approvals
 19. Creation of temporary staging areas during periods of City and County construction
 20. Earth berms and drainage swales
 21. Equipment installations, including but not limited to pumps; motors; electrical transformers, cabinets, panels, and vaults; power, light, and telephone pole systems; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC); supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA); irrigation controllers; telephone stations; emergency electrical generators; and cathodic protection systems
 22. Essential utilities and new, small equipment, including but not limited to wastewater systems, drainage systems, water systems, electrical systems, communication systems, and irrigation systems
 23. Expansion of existing groundwater monitoring wells
 24. Expansion of existing landfill gas and leachate systems expansion (e.g., pipelines, flares, vacuumed/condensate/leachate pumps, monitoring wells, etc.)

25. Expansion of existing wastewater pump station and force main facilities (e.g. additional pumping equipment, pipe and appurtenances) within the existing footprint.
26. Extensions, modifications, or additions to existing buildings and new, small equipment less than 3,500 square feet in floor area not in conjunction with the building of two or more such additions
27. Facility improvements to comply with Federal and State requirements with concurrence with the State Department of Health (e.g., National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements such as covered truck parking, surface water diversions swales, permanent structural Best Management Practices (BMPs), etc.)
28. Fencing, curbing, walls, and gates
29. Field office
30. Installation and construction of flare screens, safety barriers, guardrails, energy attenuators, and other appurtenances designed to protect the motoring public
31. Landscaping
32. Loading areas
33. Maintenance/storage sheds
34. Minor street widening and improvements within existing or future City and County street rights-of-way
35. Minor modification of incinerator as directed by EPA or other authorized governmental agencies
36. Modifications of existing facilities to conform to Federal, State and local regulations or codes as directed by authorized governmental agencies
37. Modifications at energy facilities to comply with Federal and State requirements with concurrence with the State Department of Health (e.g., pollution control equipment)
38. Pavements (and striping, as needed), including but not limited to roadways, driveways, parking lots, walkways, bikeways, jogging paths, or multi-use pathways
39. Pedestrian bridges within public facility properties
40. Planter boxes
41. Recycling collection bins
42. Retaining walls, except within the shoreline area
43. Security lighting of public grounds, structures, and parking lots
44. Sewer Improvement District project
45. Sewer lateral extension, involving the extension of an existing lateral to a new property line for road improvement projects or for existing laterals that were inadvertently installed short of the property line
46. Sewer manholes with or without concrete apron to accommodate pumper trucks (septage receiving station)
47. Sewer service installation for existing residential properties, including:
 - a. The construction of a sewer lateral from an existing sewer main located in an easement or street right-of-way to the abutting property line of lots without sewer service
 - b. The construction of additional laterals or the replacement of existing laterals to accommodate other utility lines or to facilitate connections from house sewer connection on the premise to laterals
 - c. The extension of an existing sewer main together with a lateral to serve lots without sewer service in areas where no significant environmental or historical resources exist
48. Sidewalks and covered walkways
49. Signs, posts, and flag/banner poles
50. Steps and stairways

51. Storm drain line extensions within wastewater treatment plant, wastewater pump station, refuse transfer station, and landfill sites
52. Storm drain line modifications
53. Trash compactors
54. Trash enclosures and litter containers
55. Utility connections (electrical, gas, water, wastewater)
56. Water tanks, not more than 75,000 gallons in capacity, developed to serve individual public facility needs

Exemption Class #4

Minor alterations in the conditions of land, water, or vegetation.

1. Berms
2. Chemical control of vegetation using herbicides and pesticides registered by the State Department of Agriculture and the EPA
3. Clearing, grubbing, or grading of less than 100 cubic feet within existing parks and public facility property boundaries
4. Ground improvements (e.g. driveways, parking areas, walls, sidewalks, etc.)
5. Landscaping and sprinkler system
6. Lining short sections of stream banks for erosion control and slope stability
7. Removal of unhealthy trees that endanger life or property and non-significant trees
8. Shoulders

Exemption Class #5

Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

1. Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, including but not limited to, archaeological surveys, bioassays, biological and ecological studies and surveys, chemical and bacteriological laboratory analysis, fish surveys, fresh and saline water sampling and analysis, industrial waste sampling and analysis, monitoring device installation, oceanographic surveys, receiving water monitoring programs, recycling wastewater and wastewater reuse studies, sediment studies and surveys, storm water runoff sampling and analysis, stream studies and surveys, topographical surveys, virus studies and surveys, exploratory soil boring, reconnaissance, testing, or data recovery

Exemption Class #6

Construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.

1. Accessible ramps and handrails
2. Air conditioning enclosures
3. Construction field offices, temporary
4. Drinking fountains
5. Guard shacks
6. Hose bibbs
7. Emergency generator structure

8. Exterior lighting
9. Heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems for existing wastewater treatment plant, pre-treatment plant, lift station, and pump station buildings
10. Lighting of driveways, streets, and roadways
11. Maintenance/storage sheds
12. Outdoor showers
13. Pedestrian bridges within public facility properties
14. Planter boxes
15. Portable buildings for temporary use of 5 years or less
16. Relocation of buildings within existing facilities
17. Retaining walls, except in shoreline areas
18. Security lighting
19. Signs
20. Solar water heating systems that include exterior solar collectors, nonreflective panels, and storage tanks not greater than 120 gallons each, and associated accessories
21. Steps and stairways
22. Trash compactors
23. Trash enclosures and litter containers
24. Underground fuel tanks and dispensers, except where a State Department of Health permit is required
25. Ventilation and odor control systems for existing wastewater treatment plant, pre-treatment plant, lift station, and pump station buildings
26. Water tanks, not more than 75,000 gallons in capacity, to serve existing facilities

Exemption Class #7

Interior alterations involving things such as partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.

1. Interior alterations and renovations to wastewater treatment plant, pre-treatment plant, lift station, and pump station buildings, including but not limited to partitions, doors, counters, cabinets, shelving, plumbing, electrical systems, heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, ventilation and odor control systems, and electrical conveyances

Exemption Class #8

Demolition of structures, except those structures located on any historic site as designated in the national register or Hawaii register as provided for in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Public Law 89-665, 16 U.S. C. Sec. 470, as amended, or Chapter 6E, HRS.

1. Demolition of structures at wastewater treatment plant and pump station locations, except those structures located on any historic site

Exemption Class #9

Zoning variances except shoreline setback variances.

1. Zoning variances of wastewater facility properties, except shoreline setback variances

Exemption Class #10

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ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL MEETING
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
February 16, 2012
2:00 pm –4:00 pm

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions/Attendance
3. Approval of December 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes
4. Environmental Council (EC) Chair's Report:
 - Testimony
 - Quorum
 - EC Terms/New Appointments
 - Request for Presentation to EC at April Meeting
5. Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) Director's Report:
 - Legislative Update
 - Guidebook and Annual Report
 - Status of Legislative Reference Bureau's Involvement in Rules Process
6. Standing Committee Reports:
 - Exemption Committee
 - Rules Committee:
 - Investigative Sub-Committee on Rules
 - Appointing Another Member to Sub-Committee
 - Annual Report Committee
 - Legislative Committee
7. Public Testimony
8. Correspondence Received
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

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| A map of downtown Honolulu, Hawaii, showing the location of the Environmental Council meeting. The map includes labels for Kamaanalu Playground, Punchbowl Street, and Queens Medical Center. A red arrow points to the meeting location at the intersection of South Beretania Street and Richards Street. The map also shows the location of the State Capitol Building and the Department of Health. The map is credited to Google and dated 2011. | <p><u>Parking Permits Valid in Lots:</u> (Parking permits for Environmental Council Members Only)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Iolani Palace (Meters Only) South King and Richards Street2. Department of Health (Meters Only) 1250 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu3. State Capitol Basement (Meters Only) 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu <p><i>Note: See back of the <u>parking permit</u> for list of available parking.</i></p> |
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