

The Environmental Notice

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Governor Signs New EIS Rules

After more than five years of work by the Environmental Council and Office of Environmental Quality Control, the new Environmental Impact Statement rules have been adopted. Following two rounds of public hearings, numerous Environmental Council meetings, approval of Governor Cayetano and submission to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the new rules finally became effective on August 31, 1996.

Many private citizens and public agencies participated at every step of the rules revisions. Hundreds of comments were received during the process. The new rules contain many corrections and changes suggested by the commenters.

Army to Drill Deep Well at Pohakuloa Training Area

The U.S. Army is proposing to drill a deep well and install equipment needed to operate a potable water supply at Pohakuloa Training Area on the island of Hawaii.

Two akoko trees (federally designated species at risk) located at the proposed contractor's area will be protected by fencing. About 100-150 feet north of the proposed drilling site is the southern edge of an area designated as a critical habitat for the endangered Palila bird. The habitat extends 3-4 miles to the west and nearly a mile up the slopes of Mauna Kea. Short-term impacts on wildlife would include noise and other construction related disturbances which would discourage wildlife from occupying the project site during the construction period.

For more information see page 15.

In summary these rules amendments accomplish four things: 1) They streamline procedures and eliminate needless paperwork and unnecessary environmental reviews; 2) They update the existing Environmental Impact Statement procedures to conform to changes in statutes that have taken place over the last ten years; 3) They clarify confusing language and better describe the responsibilities of parties, the content requirements of documents and the timing involved in environmental reviews; and 4) They add new definitions to more specifically mirror established federal procedures.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the new rules, call OEQC at 586-4185.

Insinger Embankment to Fill Kapoho Shoreline Area

The County of Hawai'i anticipates a finding of no significant impact on a pending application and draft environmental assessment to construct an embankment to fill an approximately 125-foot wide low lying area (with a pahoe-hoe lava base and a dense cover of grasses) in the shoreline setback area nearby Kapoho Point in Puna on the island of Hawaii.

A tidally-influenced pond is also centrally located within the property and immediately adjacent to the southwest of the proposed embankment. The draft environmental assessment notes that the Planning Department and the State Historic Preservation Division are currently investigating a complaint regarding the destruction of an "alleged fishing heiau."

For more information see page 13.



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reviews the environmental impacts of
projects proposed in Hawaii

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- *Guidebook for Hawaii's Environmental Review Process*
- *Environmental Impact Study Resource Library*
- *Environmental Education Database*
- *Environmental Council Annual Reports*
- *Rules and Policies*
- *"How to Plant a Native Hawaiian Garden"*

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Definitions

Your guide to the Environmental Review Process

Draft Environmental Assessment

A project or action that may affect the environment cannot be implemented until an Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared in accordance with HRS §343. If the lead government agency anticipates that the project will have no significant environmental impact, then a Draft EA is written and public notice is published in this bulletin. The public has 30 days to comment on the Draft EA from the date of the first notice.

Final Environmental Assessment and FONSI (Negative Declaration)

If, after the lead agency reviews the public comments, it feels that the project will have no significant effect on the environment, then it will prepare a Final EA and issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) formerly called a *Negative Declaration*. The Final EA must respond to all public comments. An Environmental Impact Statement will not be required and the project may now be implemented. The public has 30 days from the first notice of a FONSI in this Bulletin to sue in court to require the preparation of an EIS.

EIS Prep Notice

If the lead agency decides that a project may have a significant environmental impact, it must prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prior to implementing the project. The first step in preparing an EIS is publishing an EIS Preparation Notice (Prep Notice) in this Bulletin. Agencies, groups or individuals have 30 days from the first publication of an EIS Prep Notice to request to become a consulted party and to make written comments regarding the environmental effects of the proposed action. The draft EIS must respond to these comments.

Draft EIS

If a project is likely to have a significant environmental impact, the lead agency or private applicant must prepare a

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) prior to project implementation. This document must completely disclose the likely impacts of a project. Secondary and cumulative impacts must be discussed along with measures proposed to mitigate them. The public has 45 days from the first publication date in this Bulletin to comment on a Draft EIS.

Final EIS

After considering public comments filed during the Draft EIS stage, the agency or applicant must prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS). The Final EIS must respond to all comments from the draft stage. If deeper analysis was required, it must be included in this document. If the project is from a private applicant, the lead agency is authorized to accept the FEIS. If the project is public, the Governor or Mayor is the accepting authority. Only after the EIS is accepted, may the project be implemented.

EIS Acceptance Notice

If the accepting authority accepts a Final Environmental Impact Statement, a separate EIS Acceptance Notice will be published in this Bulletin. The public has 60 days from the date of first notice of acceptance to sue in court to challenge the acceptance of an EIS.

NEPA

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is the law that requires federal projects to prepare an EIS. It is similar to Hawaii's law. Some projects require both a state and federal EIS and the public comment procedure should be coordinated. Although not required by law, the OEQC publishes NEPA notices in this Bulletin to help keep the public informed of important actions.

Special Management Area Permits

The Special Management Area (SMA) is along the coastlines of all our islands. Most development in this area requires a Special Management Permit (SMP). The Counties regulate development

of this area. On Oahu, the County law requires an EA be prepared to accompany a permit application. This Bulletin posts notice of these SMP applications to encourage public input.

Shoreline Certifications

State law requires that Hawaii shorelines be surveyed and certified when necessary to clearly establish the regulatory building setback (usually 40 feet inland from the shoreline). The public may participate in the process to help assure accurate regulatory boundaries. Private land owners often petition to have their shoreline certified prior to construction. This Bulletin publishes notice of both shoreline certification applications and of final certifications or rejections.

Environmental Council

The Environmental Council is a fifteen-member citizen board appointed by the Governor to advise the State on environmental concerns. The council makes the rules that govern the Environmental Impact Statement process. The agendas of their regular meetings are published in this Bulletin and the public is invited to attend.

Exemption Lists

Government agencies must keep a list describing the minor activities they regularly perform that are declared exempt from the environmental review process. These lists are reviewed and approved by the Environmental Council. This Bulletin will publish an agency's draft exemption list for public comment prior to Council decision making.

Conservation District Permits

Use of land in the State Conservation District requires a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA). These applications are reviewed and approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). Members of the public may intervene in the permit process. Notice of these permit applications is published in this Bulletin.

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Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Kahuku (Malaekahana) Exploratory Wells

District: Koolauloa
TMK: 5-6-07:01
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Board of Water Supply
630 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96843
Contact: Barry Usagawa (527-5235)

Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Board of Water Supply
630 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96843
Contact: Barry Usagawa (527-5235)

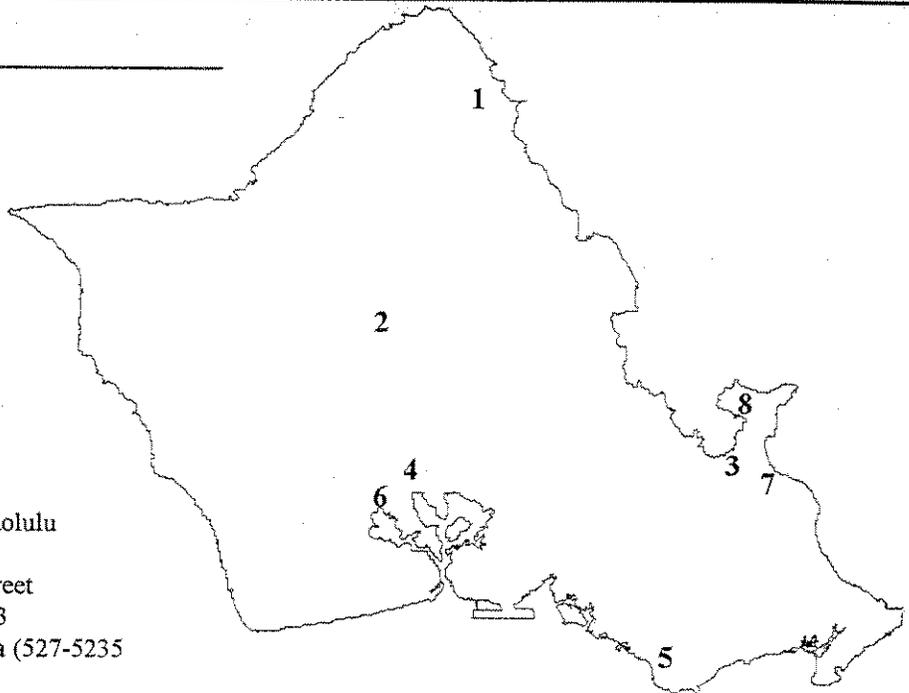
Consultant: Water Resource Associates
1188 Bishop Street, Suite 1708
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Daniel Lum (528-0074)

Public Comment

Deadline: October 8, 1996
Status: DEA First Notice, pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The City and County of Honolulu, Board of Water Supply (BWS) proposes to drill, case, and test two exploratory wells on a parcel of undeveloped land owned by the Campbell Estate. The project site is located in a disturbed forest area 1-3/4 miles inland of Malaekahana Bay on the south side of Malaekahana Gulch in the northern part of windward Oahu. The project site is located at an elevation of approximately 170 feet above mean sea level and can be reached from Kamehameha Highway via existing coral and dirt roads.

The purpose of the proposed action is to locate a new municipal source of water supply to meet the water needs of future population growth in the Malaekahana-Kahuku area. If the pumping test results are successful, the exploratory wells will be converted to production wells in later phases of planning and development of a water production facility at



the project site. Area residents and commercial and public facilities including Kahuku High School, Kahuku Hospital, and Malaekahana State Park will be provided an adequate and reliable water supply for the future. If the pumping test results are unsatisfactory, the wells will be sealed or capped. The BWS is anticipating development of a 1.0 million gallons per day source.



(2) Wahiawa Botanical Garden Master Plan

District: Wahiawa
TMK: 7-4-17:01
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Parks and Recreation
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Brian Suzuki (527-6316)

Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Parks and Recreation
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Brian Suzuki (527-6316)

Consultant: Gerald Park Urban Planner (942-7484)
1400 Rycroft Street, Suite 876
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

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Public Comment

Deadline: October 8, 1996
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The Department of Parks and Recreation, City and County of Honolulu, proposes to implement the recommendations of the Wahiawa Botanical Garden Master Plan. The master plan has been adopted by the Department of Parks and Recreation as the long-range strategy for the development of the Wahiawa Botanical Garden located at Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii.

The Master Plan proposes several significant changes to the existing garden to achieve its objectives. Included are the construction of a Visitor Education Center building on a sloping section of the gulch, the development of an "activity core", drainage improvements, development of theme gardens, improvements to the existing pedestrian system of paths within the garden, new signage and graphics, parking lot improvements, and utility system improvements.

Wahiawa Botanical Garden is owned and operated by the City and County of Honolulu. The garden encompasses an area of 26.917 acres.

The total cost of improvements for Wahiawa Botanical Garden is estimated at \$6.5 million and will be funded by the City and County of Honolulu. A two phase construction schedule has been recommended with each phase projected to take two years to complete.

(3) Waikalua WWPS Force Main Replacement

District: Koolaupoko
TMK: 4-5-07:48; 4-5-30:1, 40 & 47
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Wastewater Management
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Mr. Lynn Kurashima (527-6707)

Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Wastewater Management
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Mr. Lynn Kurashima (527-6707)

Consultant: Akinaka & Associates, Ltd.
250 North Beretania Street, Suite 300
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817-4716
Contact: Henry Morita (536-7721)

Public Comment

Deadline: October 8, 1996
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

The proposed project will replace a 6" diameter force main from the Waikalua Wastewater Pump Station to the 36" diameter interceptor for the Kaneohe Pretreatment Facility. Existing start and end locations of the force main are maintained. Installation of the replacement force main (8" I.D. High Density Polyethylene) will be by horizontal directional drilling under Kaneohe Stream. Entry portal will be within the existing pump station and the exit portal will be within the Bayview Golf Course which is presently under construction.

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(4) Kamehameha Highway Widening, Waipio Uka Street to Ka Uka Boulevard

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-4-115:9, 33; and 9-4-05
Applicant: Department of Transportation, Highways
Division
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Jeffrey Fujimoto (587-2249)

Accepting Authority: Department of Transportation, Highways
Division
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Jeffrey Fujimoto (587-2249)

Public Challenge

Deadline: October 8, 1996
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

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The State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Highways Division proposes to widen approximately 0.84 miles of Kamehameha Highway, beginning 400 feet northwest of Waipio Uka Street and ending 400 feet northwest of Ka Uka Boulevard.

The proposed project consist of widening Kamehameha Highway from its current 3 lanes to 4 lanes to meet increased traffic volumes and demands of the Waikele-Gentry Waipio areas as well as the Mililani area. Improvements also consist of constructing a median to divide the inbound and outbounds lanes; constructing paved shoulders and concrete sidewalks; and installing drainage system and highway lighting. The highway lighting will improve night visibility and safety of the highway. The 8 foot paved shoulders will accommodate bicyclist, as per the State Master Plan future proposed bike route. The concrete sidewalks will create a safer environment for pedestrians. The outbound approach on Kamehameha Highway at Waipio Uka Street and Ka Uka Boulevard intersections includes deceleration and acceleration lanes while the inbound approach includes storage/exclusive left-turn lanes. These auxiliary lanes will provide for a more efficient flowing and safer highway. The proposed improvements will be built to applicable State and Federal Codes.

The construction of the project is scheduled to begin in late 1996 and will take approximately 8 months to complete. The approximate cost of this project is \$4.1 million. Approximately 80 percent of the costs will be borne by the Federal government.



(5) Waikiki Resort Hotel Cell Site

District: Honolulu
TMK: 2-6-23:16
Applicant: DCR Communications, Inc.
2550 M Street NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20037
Contact: Douglas Logan, Project Manager

Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Land Utilization
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Joan Takano (527-5038)

Consultant: Kusao & Kurahashi, Inc.
210 Ward Avenue, Suite 124
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
Contact: Keith H. Kurahashi (538-6652)

Public Challenge

Deadline: October 8, 1996
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The applicant proposes to install a personal communication system (PCS) cell site atop the 192-foot high Waikiki Resort Hotel located at 2460 Koa Avenue in Waikiki, Oahu. The project consists of six panel antennas and two equipment cabinets.

The six panel antennas (approximately 3" x 6" x 4.5 feet high) will be mounted on three sides (2 antennas each on sides facing Prince Edward Street, Liliuokalani and Uluniu Avenues) of an existing machine room structure. Each antenna will not extend above the existing height of the machine room roof, and will be painted to match the existing building. The transmitter equipment cabinets (4'-3" x 2'-4" x 5'-9" high) will be mounted on a concrete paver (2' x 2' x 2 inches high) on the roof. The proposed work will not exceed the current maximum height of the building (192 feet).

The project, a utility installation, Type B, is not a permitted use within the Resort Hotel Precinct of the Waikiki Special District, and requires a variance from Section 7.80-5 of the Land Use Ordinance. The Department of Land Utilization is currently processing such a variance request.

Special Management Area



(6) King Food Service Cold Storage Building (Final Environmental Assessment/Finding Of No Significant Impact)

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-4-49:34
Applicant: King Food Service, Inc.
3109 Koapaka Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819
Contact: Dana Chun (834-5464)

Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Land Utilization
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Art Challacombe (523-4107)

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Public Challenge

Deadline: October 8, 1996
Status: SMA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The project site, a 43,596-square foot lot within the Waipahu Industrial Park subdivision, is located on the mauka side of Pupuole Street. The rectangular parcel slopes from the rear of the lot down to street level, with an 18-foot change in grade. Pearl Harbor's West Loch is more than 300 feet makai of the site.

The applicant proposes to construct an approximately 30,000-square foot refrigerated storage warehouse. The 45-foot high concrete building will be essentially a one-story warehouse with a 6,500-square foot mezzanine, above a loading dock, to accommodate offices. Underground parking for 50 cars is also proposed. A maximum of 10 feet of soil will be excavated at the rear of the lot for the underground parking; and some fill will be placed at the front of the property to level off topography. The street frontage will be fenced and landscaped.

A portion of the site is located within the Special Management Area (approximately 40 percent of the site along the street). The applicant seeks a Special Management Area Use permit for the project.

(7) Wailepo Gardens (Final Environmental Assessment/Finding Of No Significant Impact)

District: Koolaupoko
TMK: 4-3-58:20
Applicant: Manuel and Tina Manfredi
44-279 A Kaneohe Bay Drive
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744
Contact: Manuel Manfredi (254-3388 or 254-3322)

Accepting Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Land Utilization
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Dana Teramoto (523-4648)

Public Challenge

Deadline: October 8, 1996
Status: SMA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The applicant proposes to construct an eight-unit condominium building. Two dwellings currently exist on the property and will be demolished when the new building is constructed. The new building will be approximately 33 feet high, with 12 parking stalls on the ground floor.

The project will be located at 621 Wailepo Street in Kailua.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

(8) Proposed Realignment of Military Organizations to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe (FONSI)

District: Koolaupoko
TMK: 4-4-08, 4-4-09
Applicant: Commanding Officer
Naval Air Station Barbers Point
Attn: Code OOF-KB
Barbers Point, Hawaii 96862-5050
Contact: Gary Kasaoka, PACDIV 231GK
(471-9338)

Accepting Authority: Commanding Officer
Naval Air Station Barbers Point
Attn: Code OOF-KB
Barbers Point, Hawaii 96862-5050
Contact: Gary Kasaoka, PACDIV 231GK
(471-9338)

Consultant: Belt Collins Hawaii
680 Ala Moana Boulevard, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-5400
Contact: Dave Stefansson (521-5361)

The Department of the Navy has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a proposed realignment of military organizations to Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii from Naval Air Station (NAS), Barbers Point, Hawaii. The realignment will involve approximately 2,200 military and civilian personnel, 23 P-3 Orion fixed-wing antisubmarine patrol aircraft, and 10 SH-60 Seahawk antisubmarine helicopters.

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The proposed action consists of new construction and modification projects at MCBH Kaneohe Bay to accommodate the realignment and includes facilities as follows: (1) Aircraft Parking Apron (two projects), (2) Aircraft Wash Pad and Rinse Facility, (3) Hangars 103, 104, and 105, (4) Training and Operations Facilities (two projects), (5) Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) Facility, (6) Aviation Supply Facility, (7) Bachelor Quarters, (8) Helicopter Landing Pad, (9) Hazardous Materials/Hazardous Waste Storage, (10) Tactical Support Facility, (11) Utilities Upgrade, and (12) Ordnance Facilities. The action provides a cost-effective way to relocate the units without impairing mission performance, to maximize use of existing military facilities, and to further realize efficient and joint-service use of an existing military installation.

In accordance with E.O. 11988, alternative sites were considered for projects planned in a floodplain or special flood hazard areas (SFHA). Due to operational and safety distance requirements, existing aviation ordnance facility sites will remain and be renovated as planned. For the same reasons, the Department of the Navy has decided that it cannot avoid constructing a ready service magazine for short-term ordnance storage in the SFHA. The magazine will be built on fill, two feet above the 100-year flood level to mitigate potential impacts.

Single copy requests for the FONSI or the EA document should be made to: Commander, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-7300 Attn: Mr. Gary Kasaoka (Code 231GK) or by telephone at (808) 471-9338.

Final Environmental Impact Statements Pending Acceptance

Kailua 272 Reservoir
Makaha 242 Reservoir No. 2
Waialua-Haleiwa Wastewater Facilities

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

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State Lands
Varona Village Phase II

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(1) Maui Central Park

District: Wailuku
TMK: 3-7-1:por. 2 and 3-8-7:por. 1
Applicant: County of Maui, Office of the Mayor
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Richard Haake (243-7855)

Accepting Authority: County of Maui, Office of the Mayor
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Richard Haake (243-7855)

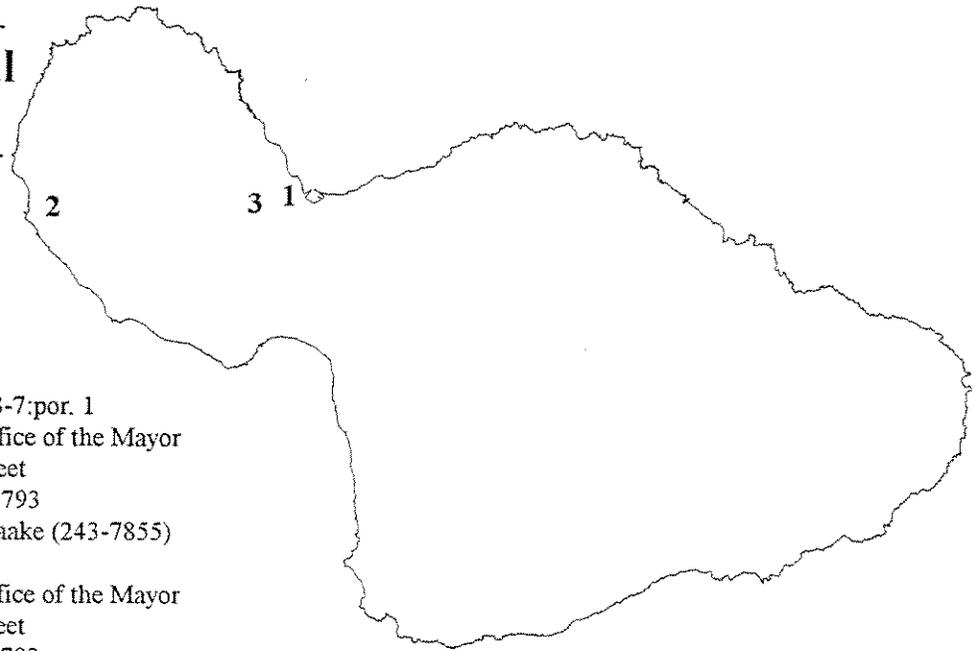
Consultant: Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc.
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Milton Arakawa (244-2015)

Public Comment

Deadline: October 8, 1996
Status: DEA First Notice, pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant, the consultant and OEQC.

Maui Central Park is intended to provide a regional recreational facility which provides for a range of recreational uses for a wide variety of users. Generally bounded by Kaahumanu Avenue, Kanaloa Avenue, Kahului Beach Road, and Maui Community College, the main park site is approximately 130 acres. Within the general boundary, the park area excludes the Maui Family YMCA, Maui Arts and Cultural Center, the Maui Community College dormitories and residential and other uses abutting Kanaloa Avenue.

Major components of the project include: one multi-purpose field; relocation of the skateboarding facility; retention of the Maui Botanical Garden; reservation of space for a Keiki Zoo; a landscaped green space; one Senior Little League/Pony League ballfield, Little League/Softball field, two Little League fields, and two soccer fields; retention of the existing horseshoe pitching facility; and county park maintenance facility.



Papa Avenue is proposed to be extended from Kaahumanu Avenue to Kahului Beach Road to provide access along the park's periphery. A new Maui Central Park Drive is proposed to extend from the Papa Avenue extension in a generally northerly direction and link with Kanaloa Avenue in the area of the Maui Family YMCA.

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(2) Diamond Parking Service Parking Lot

District: Lahaina
TMK: 4-5-01:30 and 39
Applicant: Diamond Parking Service, Inc.
439 Kamani Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Jeff Sandborn (592-7275)

Accepting Authority: County of Maui, Planning Department
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: David Blane or Ann Cua (243-7735)

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Consultant: C. Takumi Engineering, Inc.
18 Central Avenue
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Carl Takumi (249-0411)

Public Challenge

Deadline: October 8, 1996
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The proposed project is located in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. The total area of the project is approximately 6,667 square feet. Currently, two wood structure buildings less than 50 years are on the site. As part of this project, both structures will be removed, one structure will be demolished while the other will be donated to a church. After the site is cleared, a fifteen (15) stall parking lot will then be constructed including landscape trees and grassing. The entrance for the parking lot will be from Front Street via Wahie Lane and will exit to Lahainaluna Road via TMK 4-5-01:32.

(3) Waiale Drive, Mahalani Street and Imi Kala Street Extensions

District: Wailuku
TMK: 3-4-18, 19; 3-8-46; 3-8-07; 3-5-01; 3-4-03
Applicant: County of Maui
Department of Public Works and Waste Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Joe Krueger (243-7745)

Accepting Authority: County of Maui
Department of Public Works and Waste Management
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Joe Krueger (243-7745)

Consultant: GMP Associates, Inc.
841 Bishop Street, Suite 1501
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Michael Miyahira (521-4711)

Public Challenge

Deadline: October 8, 1996
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The proposed improvements which are a part of this Environmental Assessment include: 1) an eastbound extension of Kuikahi Drive across Honoapiilani Highway; 2) a

southbound extension of Waiale Drive to the new Kuikahi Drive extension; 3) an eastbound extension of Mahalani Street, from Waiale Drive to the Maui Hui Malama office building; and 4) a southbound extension of Imi Kala Street, currently an existing cane haul road. The Kuikahi Drive/Honoapiilani Highway portion of this project includes deceleration lane and left turn movement improvements along the existing highway. Related infrastructure work, such as waterline relocation, drainage, and telephone and electric lines, is planned along most of the roadway extensions. Based on assessment of the proposed project, the development of the Waiale Drive, Mahalani Street, and Imi Kala Street Extension project is not anticipated to result in any adverse environmental impacts.

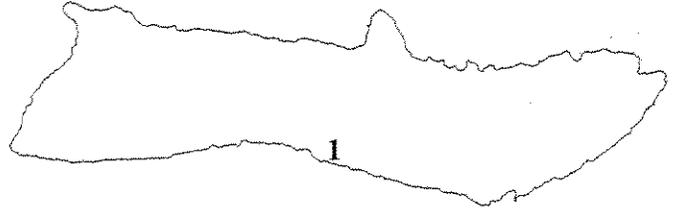
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Maui Cattlemen's Association Livestock Export/
Staging & Import/Quarantine Station

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(1) Kaunakakai Submarine Fiber Optic Cable Landing

District: Molokai
TMK: 5-3-001:016
Applicant: GST Pacwest Telecom Hawaii, Inc.
91-238 Kalaeloa Blvd., Suite 100
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707
Contact: Robert Volker (682-5266)

Accepting Authority: County of Maui
Planning Department
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: David Blane (243-7735)

Consultant: R.M. Towill Corporation
420 Waiakamilo Road, Suite 411
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Brian Takeda or Chester Koga
(842-1133)

Public Comment

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traffic. Land side, the proposed cable will be routed subsurface from the landing site through a ductline leading to a proposed handhole at a new terminal building. The cable will be routed through one of four 4" diameter PVC ductlines following existing public rights-of-way terminating in the vicinity of Molokai General Hospital.

GST Pacwest Telecom Hawaii, Inc., a subsidiary of GST Telecom Inc., proposes to develop an interisland submarine fiber optic cable system which will link the islands of Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Lanai, Molokai and Hawaii. The landing site for the branch line to Molokai is a vacant residential lot located along the southern coast of the island of Molokai. The lot is located makai of Beach Place between Kaunakakai Place and Pau Hana Inn. The fiber optic cable will be laid east of the harbor channel and along the eastern face of the shore. The cable will be installed in drill pipe and laid on the mudflat until it reaches an offshore depth of approximately 90 to 100 feet. The cable will then be buried up to 5 feet deep in substrate across bottom of the channel

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(1) Manele Bay Submarine Fiber Optic Cable Landing

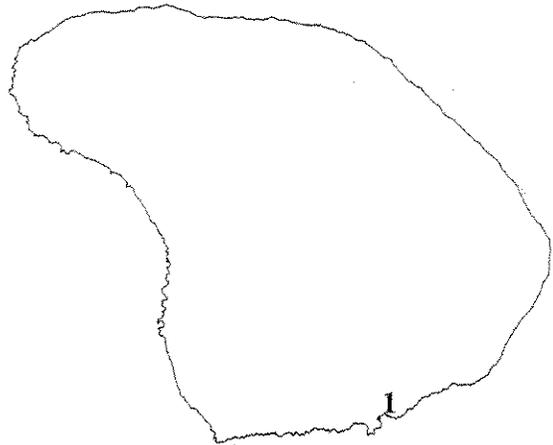
District: Lanai
TMK: 4-9-017:006
Applicant: GST Pacwest Telecom Hawaii, Inc.
91-238 Kalaeloa Blvd., Suite 100
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707
Contact: Robert Volker (682-5266)

Accepting Authority: County of Maui
Planning Department
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: David Blane (243-7735)

Consultant: R.M. Towill Corporation
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Public Comment

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(1) Insinger Embankment Within the Shoreline Setback Area at Kapoho

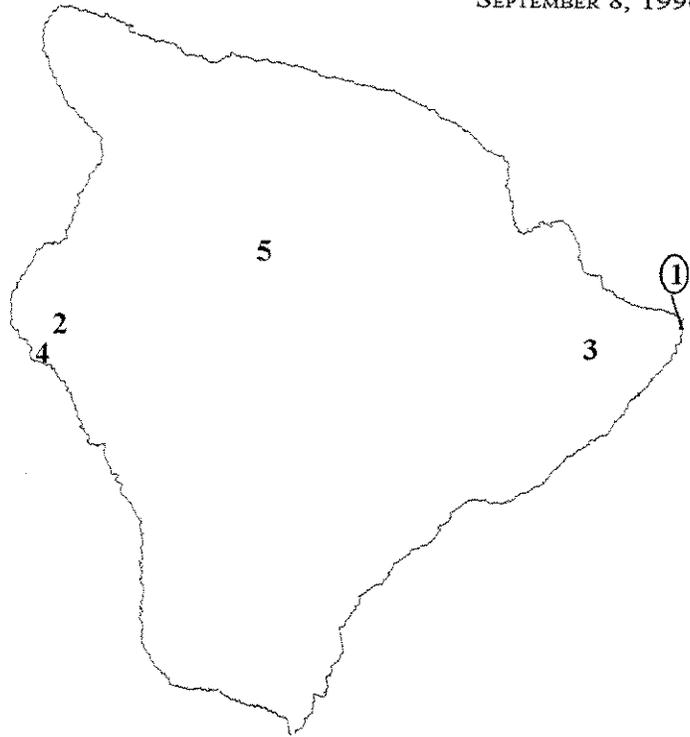
District: Puna
TMK: 1-4-27:por. 24
Applicant: F. Robert Insinger (965-7437)
RR 2 Box 3917
Pahoa, Hawaii 96778

Accepting Authority: County of Hawaii
Planning Department for Planning Commission
25 Aupuni Street, Suite 109
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Alice Kawaha or Susan Gagorik (961-8288)

Consultant: R. Ben Tsukazaki, Esq. (961-0055)
Menezes Tsukazaki Yeh & Moore
100 Pauahi Street, Suite 204
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Public Comment Deadline: October 8, 1996
Status: DEA First Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

The applicant, F. Robert Insinger, has submitted a Shoreline Setback Variance application in order to construct a protective embankment within the 40-foot shoreline setback area near Kapoho Pt. The purpose of the proposed embankment is to protect the project site from high wave action which has impacted the site in the past and which is gradually eroding the subject property. The proposed embankment will fill a low-lying area, approximately 125 feet wide, within the project site which has become totally inundated during high wave occurrences. The proposed embankment will involve fill material consisting of approximately 914 cubic yards of boulders and large rocks. The proposed construction will affect a roughly triangular area having a minimum width of about 45 feet at its mauka end to a width of about 160 feet at the makai end. The maximum height of the fill is about five feet from existing grade. The finished grade will be equal or close to the elevations on both sides of the low-lying area.



A portion of the proposed embankment will be located 20 feet mauka of the certified shoreline.

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(2) Hualalai Well Proposed Site Development

District: North Kona
TMK: 7-3-06:3
Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 221
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Andrew Monden (587-0227)

Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 221
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Andrew Monden (587-0227)

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Consultant: Belt Collins Hawaii
680 Ala Moana Boulevard, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Cheryl Palesh (521-5361)

Public Challenge

Deadline: October 8, 1996
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The proposed action is development of the Hualalai well site (state well number 4258-03) and installation of a permanent well pump, where an exploratory well was installed and tested in August 1993. The State of Hawaii and County of Hawaii, recognizing a growing need for water in the North Kona region of the island of Hawaii, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 1992 for the joint acquisition of water for new State projects in the region.

Development of the Hualalai well site will include installation of a permanent pump in the existing exploratory well and booster pump system, and the construction of a control building, a 300,000-gallon capacity reservoir, and approximately 950 linear feet of 12-inch diameter water line between the reservoir and an existing water line on Mamalahoa Highway.

The proposed action will have no significant effect on the environment and therefore does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. Short-term visual, acoustical, air quality, and traffic-related construction impacts will cause temporary inconveniences. Ambient dust generated by construction activities will be mitigated using best management practices. Potential long-term impacts from natural hazards, drainage, groundwater contaminants, and operational noise will be mitigated through project design. A noise shielding wall will be constructed around the booster pumps to mitigate noise effects on nearby residences. No wetlands or endangered species were identified at the site, and the site development plan has been designed to avoid disturbance of identified archaeological features. The proposed action will have a positive socioeconomic impact.

(3) Keonepoko-Nui 2 Exploratory Well

District: Puna
TMK: 1-5-08: por. 1
Applicant: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
P.O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805
Contact: Gerald Lee (586-3815)

Accepting Authority: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
P.O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805
Contact: Gerald Lee (586-3815)
Consultant: Engineers Surveyors Hawaii, Inc.
1020 Auahi Street, Building 6, Suite 1
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
Contact: Eric Hee (591-8116)

Public Challenge

Deadline: October 8, 1996
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands needs to develop a source of potable water supply for its Makuu Farm and Agricultural Lots. This environmental assessment is for drilling, casing and testing of an exploratory well at the existing Department of Water Supply, County of Hawaii Keonepoko well and reservoir site. The site is located alongside Highway 130 at an approximate elevation of 605 feet, just south of the Makuu Farm and Agricultural Lots and approximately 2,000 feet from the Pahoa Landing Airstrip on the opposite side of the highway in the Pahoa direction.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

(4) Alii Drive Shore Protection Project (Draft Environmental Assessment/Draft FONSI)

At the request of the Mayor of Hawaii County, the Corps proposes to construct improvements to the existing 700-foot long sea wall along Alii Drive, Kailua-Kona on the island of Hawaii. The seawall was originally constructed on a foundation of boulders approximately 5 feet in diameter. Waves are free to progress through the large cavities between the boulders and have eroded the soil material behind the seawall, damaging the sidewalk and roadway behind the seawall. The proposed grouting operation would consist of drilling holes up to 6 inches in diameter at intervals of 5-10 feet along the length of the seawall in order to pressure inject grout to fill the voids in the seawall foundation and to prevent further movement of the material from behind the seawall.

If you have comments regarding this draft FONSI and DEA, please provide them by September 20, 1996 to the address below:

District Engineer
U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu
Attention: CEPOD-ET-PP/Lennan
Building 230
Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440
Phone: 438-2264

(5) Pohakuloa Training Area Construction of Deep Well (EA/FONSI)

The U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii is proposing to drill a deep well and install equipment and facilities needed to operate a potable water supply at Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) on the island of Hawaii. The well facilities would occupy approximately 10,000 square feet of land and be located in the vicinity of the existing PTA water storage tanks. Facilities would include a 50' x 50' building to house electrical equipment, a 300 KVA transformer, a well with well head and piping, and a stand-by generator with fuel tank. Work would also include the installation of piping to PTA's water storage tanks. It is proposed that the well facilities be constructed and operated by a contractor.

It has been determined that the construction of the proposed deep well would not have any unmitigable, significant adverse impacts on the environment. The proposed construction of the well does not constitute a major federal action having significant effects on the quality of the human environment. However, because the specific water source for the well is unknown at this time, further analysis will be required once the test well is completed.

The comment deadline for this Finding of No Significant Impact is October 8, 1996. Please send comments to:

Peter Yuh, Jr.
Environmental Division
Directorate of Public Works
United States Army Garrison, Hawaii
Schofield Barracks, HI 96857-5000
Phone: 656-6411

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(1) Wailua Golf Course Fiber Optic Cable Landing

District: Lihue
TMK: 3-9-02:4
Applicant: GST Pacwest Telecom Hawaii, Inc.
91-238 Kalaeloa Boulevard, Suite 100
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707
Contact: Robert Volker (682-5123)

**Accepting
Authority:** County of Kauai, Planning Department
4444 Rice Street, Suite 473
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Myles Hironaka (241-6677)

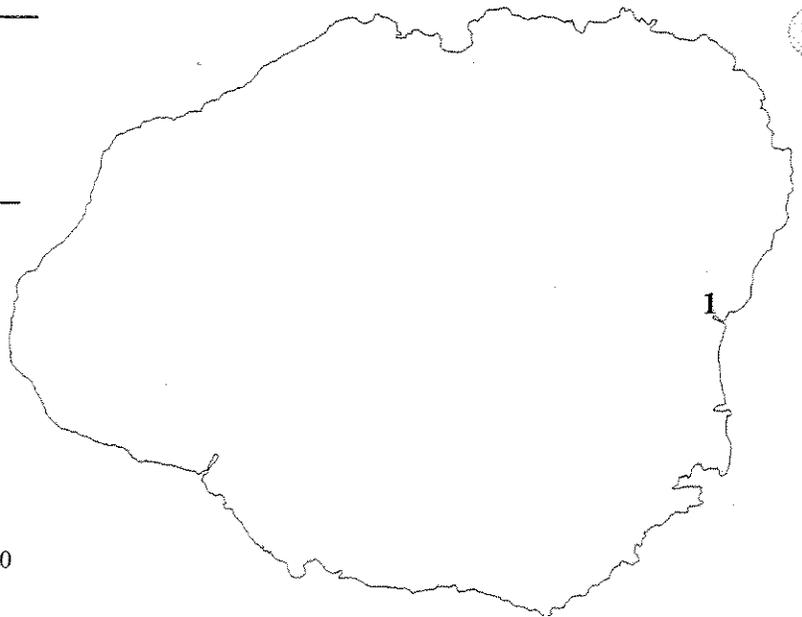
Consultant: R.M. Towill Corporation
420 Waiakamilo Road, Suite 411
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Brian Takeda or Chester Koga
(842-1133)

Public Challenge

Deadline: October 8, 1996
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The applicant proposes to develop an interisland submarine fiber optic cable system which will link the islands of Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Lanai, Molokai, and Hawaii with an alternative telecommunication system (HI FiberNet). The portion of the project which is subject to the review of the Planning Department and Planning Commission of the County of Kauai involves the segment of the project that falls within the 40 feet shoreline setback area of the Wailua Golf Course property on the eastern portions of the island of Kauai. The landside installation of the fiber optic cable will involve one of two alternatives.

Alternative "A" will involve the installation of the cable to a new manhole and ductline. This would occur if there is insufficient capacity or due to technical circumstances involving the shared use of the existing GTE Hawaiian Tel manhole and ductline.



Alternative "B" will involve the installation of the cable to the existing GTE Hawaiian Tel manhole and ductline on the Wailua Golf Course property.

Shoreline Notices

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Shoreline Certification Applications

Department of Land and Natural Resources
Land Division
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Telephone: 587-0432

Pursuant to Section 13-222-12, Hawaii Administrative Rules entitled "Shoreline Certification," the following shoreline certification applications are available for inspection.

Date: September 8, 1996 Number: 96-017

NOTICE OF APPLICATION: Applications are available for inspection at District Land Offices on the islands of Kauai, Hawaii and Maui and the Land Division, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Kalanimoku Building, Honolulu, Hawaii.

All comments to an application for shoreline certification shall be submitted in writing to the State Land Surveyor, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 210, Honolulu, Hawaii and postmarked no later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the public notice of the application.

Location: Koko Head Regional Park, (Hanauma Bay Nature Park) at Maunaloa, Honolulu, Oahu
Applicant: Kenneth Sprague, Department of Public Works
For C&C of Honolulu, Department of Parks & Recreation
Tax Map Key: 3-9-12:02
Date Received: 08/08/96
Case No.: OA-593

Location: Lot 5, Por. of R.P. 7494, LCAw. 8559-B to Wm C. Lunalilo, & Lot 1 of Ld Ct App 776 at Laiewai, Koolauloa, Oahu (No property address provided)
Applicant: Patrick Cummins for GMP Associates, Inc.
For Kent Kaahanui and Jeffrey Tyau
Tax Map Key: 5-5-11:39 & 70
Date Received: 08/13/96
Case No.: OA-594

Location: Lots 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C of the Kukahiko Land Partition, being a Por. of Grant 223 to L.L. Tolbert at Papaanui, Honuaialua, Makawao, Maui (No property address provided)
Applicant: Ken T. Nomura for A&B Properties, Inc.
For Campbell Trust
Tax Map Key: 2-1-07:07, 98, & 99
Date Received: 08/14/96
Case No.: MA-174

Shoreline Certifications and Rejections

Pursuant to Section 13-222-26, Hawaii Administrative Rules entitled "Shoreline Certification," the following shorelines have been certified or rejected.

A person may appeal a shoreline certification or rejection thereof to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, Oahu, by requesting in writing a contested case hearing no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the date of public notice of shoreline certification or rejection.

Location: Kai Ala Subdiv., Ld Ct App 1744, Lot 45-E Hanakaoo, Lahaina, Maui (Kai Ala Place)
Applicant: Valera, Inc.
For David and Janet Johnson
Tax Map Key: 4-4-6:Por. 15
Date Certified: 08/27/96
Case No.: MA-713

Location: Hookipa Park at Hamakuapoko, Maui (Property address not provided)
Applicant: Edgardo V. Valera for Valera, Inc.
For Patrick T. Matsui, Department of Parks & Recreation
Tax Map Key: 2-5-4: 25
Date Certified: 08/27/96
Case No.: MA-171

Location: Por. Lot 66, File Plan 214, Diamond Head Terrace Tract at Kapahulu, Waikiki, Oahu (Property address not provided)

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Applicant: Walter Thompson, Inc.
For Ronald G.S. Au

Tax Map Key: 3-1-33:53

Date Certified: 08/27/96

Case No.: OA-582

Location: LC App 1848 (pending); R.P. 4576, LC Aw.7781, Ap. 2 to Kanealii & R.P. 7047, LC Aw. 7806, Ap. To Kuai being also a portion of R.P. 4475, LC Aw. 7713 to V. Kamamalu, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (Property address not available)

Applicant: Chrystal Thomas Yamasaki for Wes Thomas Associates
For Gerald & Mona Chang

Tax Map Key: 7-6-14: 09

Date Certified: 08/27/96

Case No.: HA-176

Location: Lot A-9-A-14 of Ld Ct App 578, Map 24 at Kuliouou, Oahu (6021 Summer Street)

Applicant: R. M. Towill Corporation
For Seung Ji Lee

Tax Map Key: 3-8-2:07

Date Rejected: 08/27/96

Case No.: OA-583

Location: Lot 30, Waiialae Beach Lots, Section C at Waiialae-Iki, Honolulu, Oahu (5039 Kalaniana'ole Hwy)

Applicant: Wesley Tengan
For Frederick Nakama

Tax Map Key: 3-5-22:01

Date Rejected: 08/27/96

Case No.: OA-586

Environmental Council Notices

Environmental Council Meeting Date (Tentative)

Any person desiring to attend the meeting and requiring an accommodation (taped materials or sign language interpreter) may request assistance provided such a request is made five working days prior to the scheduled meeting. This request may be made by writing to the Chairperson, Environmental Council at the address given below, or by calling (808) 586-4185 (toll-free from Hawaii, Kauai or Maui counties at 1-800-468-4644, ext. 64185) or by Fax at (808) 586-4186.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, September 18, 1996 at 4:00 p.m. (tentative)

PLACE: Office of Environmental Quality Control
Library
Central Pacific Bank Building
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Public Notice: Environmental Council Mailing List

To further increase public involvement and to implement the provisions of Section 92-7(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Environmental Council requests that persons interested in receiving notification of its meetings call 586-4185 to be placed on a meeting notification mailing list. Written requests may also be sent to the Chairperson, Environmental Council, 220 South King Street, 4th Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Pollution Control Permits

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Department of Health Permits

The following is a list of some pollution control permits currently being reviewed by the State Department of Health. For more information about any of the listed permits, please contact the appropriate branch or office of the Environmental Management Division at 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu.

Branch & Permit Type	Applicant & Permit Number	Project Location	Pertinent Dates	Proposed Use
Clean Water Branch (586-4309), Water Quality Certification	Hilton Hawaiian Village Joint Venture & EnterOcean Group, Permit # 96-CW-WQC-10	Hilton Lagoon, Hilton Hawaiian Village, 2005 Kalia Road, Waikiki, Oahu	Comment Deadline: Sept. 26, 1996	Construction of an aquatic recreation facility for entertainment, education and public involvement.
Clean Air Branch (586-4200), Noncovered Source Permit	U.S. Navy, Public Works Center, Permit # 0109-04-N	Fort Kamehameha Wastewater Treatment Plant, Pearl Harbor, Oahu	Not Applicable	1.55 MMBTU/Hr. Boiler
Clean Air Branch (586-4200), Noncovered Source Permit	Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, Permit # 0339-01-N	239 Pali Street, Mililani, Oahu	Not Applicable	20 CY/Hr. Concrete Batch Plant

Federal Notices

Nuclear Waste Designee for Hawai'i

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") has listed Dr. Bruce Anderson, Deputy Director for Environmental Health, Department of Health, State of Hawai'i as the Governor's Designee to receive advance notification from NRC licensees prior to transportation of certain shipments of nuclear waste and spent fuel (see, 61 F.R. 33952, July 1, 1996).

Kaho'olawe Island Danger Zone

In response to a request by the Commander, Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers ("COE") is making several editorial changes to the regulations (effective August 2, 1996) which establish danger zones in the waters offshore of Kaho'olawe to remove obsolete material (see, 61 F.R. 34732, July 3, 1996). The Commander, Naval Base, Pearl Harbor has requested that minor editorial changes be made to the regulations. The title of the danger zone in 33 C.F.R. 1340(a)(4) is changed from "Aerial

bombing and naval shore bombardment area, Kahoolawe Island Hawaii" to "Submerged unexploded ordnance danger zone, Kahoolawe Island, Hawaii" and the enforcing authority in paragraph (c) is changed from "Commander, Third Fleet, Pearl Harbor" to "Commander, Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-5020." For more information, please contact Mr. Ralph Eppard, Regulatory Branch, CECW-OR at (202) 761-1783.

Ka'ula Rock, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands

In this final rule (14 C.F.R. Part 73), effective 0901 UTC, October 10, 1996, the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") is reducing the time of designation for Restricted Area 3107 (R-3107), Ka'ula Rock, Hawai'i, to accurately reflect actual times of use. This administrative change, initiated by the U.S. Navy, will not affect the boundaries, designated altitudes, or activities conducted within the restricted area (see, 61 F.R. 35623, July 8, 1996). For more information, please contact Mr. Steve Brown, Airspace and

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Rules Division, ATA-400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

Environmental Analysis of Army Actions

This proposed rule (see 61 F.R. 37865, July 22, 1996) would revise Army Regulation 200-2, which is the Army's implementing regulation for the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 ("NEPA"). Major changes are an expanded list of categorical exclusions, clear separation of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA") and NEPA, and delegation of authority to approve environmental impact statements ("EIS"). For more information please call Mr. Timothy P. Julius at (703) 693-0543.

Hawai'i Detention Facility EIS

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has recommended that the Record of Decision for the EIS for the Hawai'i Detention Facility Construction and Operation, Site Selection, Fort Armstrong, Ualena Street, Lagoon Drive, Elliott Street, contain commitments to implement energy conservation, source reduction, recycling and water quality protection measures if such features are part of the preferred alternative (see, 61 F.R. 42607, August 16, 1996).

Three Nihoa Plants Endangered

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("FWS") which manages Nihoa, a part of the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge included within the boundaries of the City and County of Honolulu, has issued a final rule (effective September 20, 1996) determining that three plants endemic to Nihoa, *Amaranthus brownii* (no common name, an annual herb with leafy upright or ascending stems), *Pritchardia remota* (loulou, a palm tree with a ringed, wavy trunk and ruffled, fan-shaped leaves), and *Schiedea verticillata* (no common name, a perennial herb which dies back to an enlarged root during dry seasons) are endangered. Nihoa, situated 170 miles northwest of Kaua'i and designated a Research Natural Area, has the most diverse flora and fauna of any of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, and presents a relatively intact low-elevation dryland ecosystem with a complement of native plants, arthropods, and birds. Because of the small numbers of existing individuals and populations and their narrow distributions, which are limited to the 0.25

square mile island, these species are subject to a danger of extinction and/or reduced reproductive vigor (see, 61 F.R. 43178, August 21, 1996). For more information, please call Mr. Robert P. Smith, Pacific Islands Ecoregion Manager, at 541-2749.

Modified Base Flood Elevations for Maui

The Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") has issued an interim rule (effective June 6, 1996) which listed unincorporated areas of Maui County described in the July 10 and July 17, 1996, edition of *The Maui News*, where modification of the base (1% annual chance) flood elevations is appropriate because of new scientific or technical data (see, 61 F.R. 43679, August 26, 1996). New flood insurance premium rates will be calculated from the modified base flood elevations for new buildings and their contents. Persons have ninety-days from July 17, 1996, in which to request through the Mayor of Maui County that the Acting Associate Director, Mitigation Directorate, FEMA, reconsider the changes. The modified elevations may be changed during the ninety-day period. Questions or requests should be addressed to: Honorable Linda Crockett-Lingle, Mayor, County of Maui, 200 South High Street, Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793, telephone 243-7855). Materials are available for inspection at the Mayor's Office.

Koloa Radio Tower

The following are excerpts from a comment letter written by the US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the draft environmental assessment for Stangl Broadcasting's proposal to construct a radio tower for a multiple use antenna along the Haupu Ridge in Koloa, Kauai.

While the Draft EA addressed the flora and fauna in the vicinity of the project site, no surveys were conducted by professional biologists. Therefore, the Draft EA does not adequately describe the existing species or address the impacts the proposed project may have on these species. Without this information, the potential impacts of the proposed project on fish and wildlife resources and their habitats cannot be assessed. The following federally listed plants are known from the vicinity of the proposed project site: *Lipochaeta micrantha* var. *micrantha*, *Melicope haupuensis*, and *Pteralyxia kauaiensis*. The Haupu Mountains are also the last known location that any species of the rare Kauai endemic land snails in the genus *Carelia* were observed. The Draft EA does not address the potential impacts of the project on any of these species.

The proposed project site is also within proximity of a known nesting colony of the federally threatened Newell's shearwater (*Puffinus auricularis newelli*). The breeding activity of these birds could be disrupted by construction activity associated with the project, such as helicopter flights, use of backhoe's for digging, etc. In addition, the new power lines to the radio tower are likely to cause increased collision and fallout of fledgling birds returning to the nesting site. The potential for the project to impact seabirds should be addressed, and mitigation measures identified to avoid or minimize these impacts.

The Service does not believe that the Draft EA supports a Negative Declaration or Finding of No Significant Impact. We recommend that the decision to issue the CDUP be delayed until further surveys of significant terrestrial resources are conducted and a more comprehensive impact assessment is completed. Results of these studies and evaluations should be included in a revised Draft EA and CDUP application that is resubmitted to the public for review.



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