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reviews the environmental impacts of  
projects proposed in Hawaii

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## Wahiawa Sewage System to be Studied

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Wastewater Management will prepare an environmental impact statement to investigate alternatives for treatment and disposal of wastewater effluent from the Wahiawa Wastewater Treatment Plant. The primary purpose of the project is to improve the water quality of Wahiawa Reservoir (Lake Wilson).

The state Department of Health believes that effluent from the Wahiawa plant is the reason for the high level of nutrients and fish kills sometimes recorded

in the reservoir. By improving treatment and/or redirecting the discharge of effluent from the Wahiawa plant, the DOH and the City hopes to improve the reservoir's water quality over time.

In examining the alternatives, the City is looking at three basic factors. They are: the level of treatment (primary, secondary or tertiary); method of treatment (mechanical or wetlands); and disposal option (Wahiawa Reservoir, agricultural reuse or ocean outfall). For more information, please see page 6.

## Environmental Council seeks community perspective on environmental protection

The Environmental Council is soliciting organizations and individuals to submit essays on the public's role in protecting Hawaii's special natural environment. The Council hopes to select one article from each county for printing in its annual report to the Legislature.

"We hope to make the community a part of our advice to the Legislature" said Bill Petti, Chair of the Environmental Council's Annual Report Committee. "Last year we asked organizations to write articles on pressing issues like eco tourism and the threat of exotic species. This year we want to feature a grass-roots perspective on environmental protection."

The Annual Report will also list environmental goals established by government agencies across the state and a report on each agency's headway at meeting those goals. Another chapter will present environmental indicators, from energy use to water pollution, that reflect the quality and health of Hawaii's natural environment.

### Criteria for essays

Those wishing to write an essay for Environmental Council consideration should address the following questions.

1. What is the role of community-based organizations and private citizens in environmental protection in Hawaii?
2. What are some examples of community-based action that successfully preserved or continues to preserve and enhance the natural environment and/or promote a balanced relationship between the natural environment and humans.
3. What future goals, activities, legislation or programs should be established to better protect Hawaii's environment?

Essays should be no longer than 1000 words. They should not focus solely on an individual project or protest. Please submit essays to the OEQC by January 15, 1997. The Council retains the right to edit articles for style and form. For more information call Jeyan Thiruganam at OEQC.

# 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) Ahuimanu Dewatering Facility for Storm Drain Equipment

**District:** Koolaupoko  
**TMK:** 4-7-37:30; 4-7-4:portion 6  
**Applicant:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Public Works Road Maintenance Division  
650 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Alex Ho (523-4341)

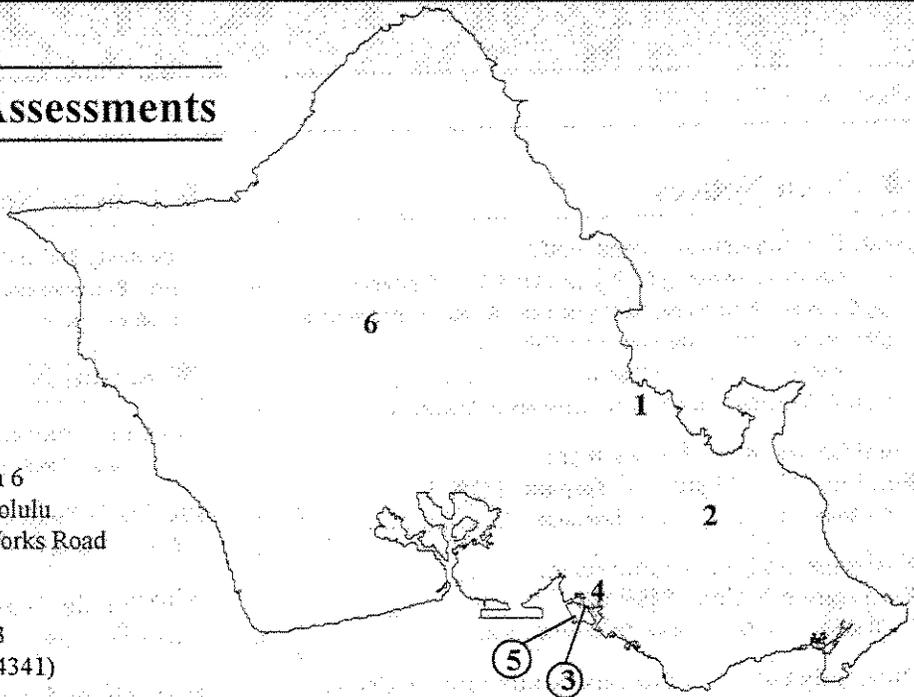
**Accepting Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Public Works Road Maintenance Division  
650 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Alex Ho (523-4341)

**Consultant:** R.M. Towill Corp.  
420 Waiakamilo Road, #411  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Contact: Colette Sakoda (842-1133)

#### Public Comment

**Deadline:** January 22, 1997  
**Status:** DEA First Notice, pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

In February 1996 a Negative Declaration was issued for various dewatering facilities for storm drain equipment for the Road Maintenance Division, Department of Public Works, City and County of Honolulu. This Environmental Assessment evaluated, among four sites, a site in Kaneohe that was bounded by Kaneohe Stream, Waikalua-Loko Fish Pond, and Bay View Golf Course in the area of south Kaneohe Bay. In response to the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board's concerns regarding potential traffic impacts and a future park, the City and County of Honolulu relocated the proposed site to the Ahuimanu Sewage Treatment Plant away from Kaneohe Bay.



This proposed site is located adjacent to an existing sewage treatment facility alongside Kahekili Highway. The site is a more acceptable location for a dewatering facility because it will not require improvements to adjacent Kahekili Highway. Further, the proposed location is at sufficient distance from Kaneohe Bay such that potential impacts to the Bay and the Special Management Area are no longer an issue.

With respect to the scope of the project, the storm drain system consists of drainage channels/ditches, catch basins, manholes, inlet boxes, drain pipes, and roadway gutters. The proposed improvements are expected to have no significant adverse environmental impacts. The flood hazard concerns in the project site are being adequately addressed in the engineering design of the project.

### (2) Cunanan Single Family Residence and Related Improvements

**District:** Koolaupoko  
**TMK:** 4-2-11:19  
**Applicant:** Romeo & Linda Cunanan  
15 Knight Drive  
Newnan, GA 30263  
Contact: Romeo Cunanan (770-251-4140)

**Accepting Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Land Division  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Lauren Tanaka (587-0385)

**Public Comment**  
**Deadline:** January 22, 1997  
**Status:** DEA First Notice, pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority and OEQC.

The Cunanans are proposing to construct a single family dwelling on one acre of a lot which has 35.76 acres in total. A swimming pool, an open lanai and trellis, a paved driveway and carport, domestic and irrigation waterline improvements, and a septic tank will be installed as accessory facilities.

On the southwest corner of the carport, a retention pond will be built and a four foot high lava rock wall on its north side will provide some visual restrictions.

The project building site would be located within the land parcel that is bordered on the east, south and west by the Pali Highway and on the north by Kianaole Road, mauka and above the Pali Golf Course.

### (3) Honolulu Harbor Tank Farm Demolition and Pipeline Removal Near Pier 32

**District:** Honolulu  
**TMK:** 1-5-35:11  
**Applicant:** Department of Transportation, Harbors  
Division  
79 So. Nimitz Highway  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Carter Luke (587-1959)

**Accepting Authority:** Department of Transportation, Harbors  
Division  
79 So. Nimitz Highway  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Carter Luke (587-1959)

**Consultant:** SSFM Engineers, Inc.  
501 Sumner Street, Suite 502  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Contact: Norman Kawachika (531-1308)

**Public Comment**  
**Deadline:** January 22, 1997  
**Status:** DEA First Notice, pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Demolition of above ground fuel tanks, structures, and appurtenances at the tank farm located near Pier 32, Honolulu Harbor. Upon demolition, the site will be graded to prevent runoff onto adjacent properties.

The tank farm was used by Pauley Petroleum to store and distribute asphalt products until 1994.

### (4) C.Q. Yee Hop Property Redevelopment in Chinatown

**District:** Honolulu  
**TMK:** 1-7-02:13, 24 and 50  
**Applicant:** C.Q. Yee Hop & Company, Ltd.  
P.O. Box 1759  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96806  
Contact: Steven Chun (538-6951)

**Accepting Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Land Utilization  
650 South King Street, 7th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Ardis Shaw-Kim (527-5349)

**Consultant:** Sueda and Associates, Inc.  
905 Makahiki Way, Mauka Suite  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826  
Contact: (949-6644)

**Public Comment**  
**Deadline:** January 22, 1997  
**Status:** DEA First Notice, pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

This project is a modification and expansion of a project that received a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) from the Department of Land Utilization (DLU) in 1995.

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The project site is comprised of five contiguous parcels located at 128 North Nimitz Highway within the Chinatown Historic District. On July 25, 1995, the DLU issued a FONSI for a proposal to demolish three of five existing structures which occupied the property and for the construction of a paved landscaped parking lot.

Of the remaining two buildings, the applicant now proposes to demolish the following:

1. A small, two-story concrete retail building with a footprint of approximately 600 square feet which fronts Maunakea Street; and
2. Partial demolition of a three-story, lava rock warehouse building, built in 1919.

Subsequent to demolition, the applicant proposes to expand the landscaped parking lot, including widening the entrance from Maunakea Street.

The proposal is subject to the Land Use ordinance, Section 7.60 and requires a Chinatown Special District Permit.

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## Final Environmental Assessments/Findings Of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

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### (5) Sand Island Terminal Improvements

**District:** Honolulu  
**TMK:** 1-2-25:19  
**Applicant:** BHP Petroleum Americas Refining  
P.O. Box 3379  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96842  
Contact: Richard Rosen (547-3795)

**Accepting Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Land Utilization  
650 South King Street, 7th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Steve Tagawa (523-4817)

**Consultant:** KN Consulting Services, Inc.  
982 Prospect Street, Suite 6  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822  
Contact: Kenneth Nagai (545-2098)

#### Public Challenge

**Deadline:** January 22, 1997  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The applicant, BHP Petroleum Americas Refining, proposes to further develop an existing fuel storage/transfer terminal facility located at 2 Sand Island Access Road to accommodate truck park and storage activities. The existing facility was built in 1974 and consists of two above-ground storage tanks, one containing diesel and the other transmix (a combination of various products that is returned to the refinery for reprocessing). The facility has a combined storage capacity of 32,000 barrels and includes four transfer pumps, piping, valves and a pipe manifold for directing product to various destinations.

The applicant proposes to improve the existing 3.885-acre parcel in three (3) phases. Phase I would include paving 50,000 square feet to park/store seven (7) tanker trucks, installing four (4) prefabricated trailers and two covered storage sheds. Phase II would include a 2,000 gallon foam tank, a 10,000 gallon above-ground storage tank, pad-mounted diesel generator and air compressor. Phase III would include installation of a concrete or polyethylene liner in a secondary containment area as well as hose storage racks.

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## Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notices (EISPN)

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### (6) Wahiawa Effluent Reuse for Central Oahu

**District:** Wahiawa, Ewa, Waialua  
**TMK:** 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 7-1, 7-3, 7-7, 9-1, 9-2, 9-4  
**Applicant:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Wastewater Management  
650 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Robert Miyasaki (527-5159)

**Accepting**

**Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Planning Department  
650 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:** January 22, 1997

**Status:** EISPN First Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The Department of Wastewater Management (DWWM), City and County of Honolulu, proposes to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to investigate various alternatives for treatment and disposal of wastewater effluent from the Wahiawa Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Currently, secondary treated effluent from the WWTP is being discharged directly into Wahiawa Reservoir (aka Lake Wilson).

Discharge of wastewater effluent into Wahiawa Reservoir increases nutrient loadings, which may lead to higher algae growth. Higher algae growth in the reservoir may result in reduced dissolved oxygen levels. Eutrophication, and/or toxic discharges are suspected of causing fish kills in the past. The State Department of Health's (DOH) concern with water quality of the reservoir has resulted in their denying a request to renew the City's NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit for the discharge of effluent into Wahiawa Reservoir.

In an effort to address the DOH concerns, the DWWM will investigate alternatives for treating and disposing of wastewater effluent from the Wahiawa WWTP. The DWWM will evaluate three alternative levels of treatment (primary, secondary, and tertiary) by either a conventional mechanical system or through a constructed wetlands system, and disposal of the treated effluent through an ocean outfall or through effluent reuse on agricultural lands.

The ocean outfall alternatives require the construction of transmission lines to be existing outfall at Honouliuli or to a new ocean outfall in the North Shore area. Treatment of wastewater effluent to meet DOH guidelines can be achieved through either a conventional mechanical treatment system or through a constructed wetlands system. A conventional

mechanical treatment system would entail expansion of the existing facilities at the Wahiawa WWTP while a constructed wetlands system would require the acquisition of up to 250 acres of land in the Wahiawa area that may presently be used for agriculture.

Water from the Wahiawa Reservoir is currently transported to agricultural fields in the Waialua/Haleiwa area by Dole Foods through an irrigation ditch system. The use of reclaimed water for agricultural purposes can therefore be achieved by discharging reclaimed water into Wahiawa Reservoir and/or directly into the irrigation ditch system.

Finally, wherever applicable, the City will incorporate the results of parallel studies being conducted by the U.S. Army, who is independently analyzing alternatives for disposal of effluent from its treatment plant on Wheeler Army Airfield. The City and the Army are cooperating and coordinating their efforts in an effort to arrive at a mutually satisfactory, joint solution for the region.

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## Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

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### Draft Environmental Assessments

#### ◆ Gedatsu Church Redevelopment (Special Management Area)

**Applicant:** Gedatsu Church of Hawaii  
6095 Summer Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821  
Contact: Reverend Shigetaka Okano (396-0363)

**Accepting Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Land Utilization  
650 South King Street, 7th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Jeff Lee (527-6274)

**Public Comment Deadline:** January 7, 1997

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## ❖ Pali Property Residential Site

**Applicant:** Joseph Wasco, III (637-7504)  
P.O. Box 300  
Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712

**Accepting Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Ed Henry (587-0377)

**Public Comment Deadline:** January 7, 1997

## ❖ Honolulu Zoo Master Plan

**Applicant:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
650 South King Street, 9th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Daniel Takamatsu (527-6301)

**Accepting Authority:** Same as above.

**Public Comment Deadline:** Extended to January 23, 1997

## Final Environmental Impact Statements Pending Acceptance

### ❖ Waialua-Haleiwa Wastewater Facilities

**Applicant:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Wastewater Management  
650 South King Street, 3rd Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Jared Lum (523-4654)

**Accepting Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Planning Department  
650 South King Street, 8th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Status:** FEIS currently being reviewed by the Planning Department, City and County of Honolulu.

## Final Environmental Impact Statements Acceptance Notices

### ❖ Kailua 272 Reservoir

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

**Accepting Authority:** Mayor, City and County of Honolulu  
530 South King Street, Room 300  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Status:** Accepted by the Mayor, City and County of Honolulu on July 2, 1996.

### ❖ Makaha 242 Reservoir No. 2

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

**Accepting Authority:** Mayor, City and County of Honolulu  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Status:** Accepted by the Mayor, City and County of Honolulu on April 26, 1996.

## Draft Environmental Assessments

### (1) Hawea Point Consolidation and Resubdivision to Relocate Coast Guard Light

**District:** Lahaina  
**TMK:** 4-2-01:3  
**Applicant:** Mr. T.P. Liem  
3 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1133  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
Contact: James Barnes (956-3999)

**Accepting Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Land Division  
P.O. Box 621  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

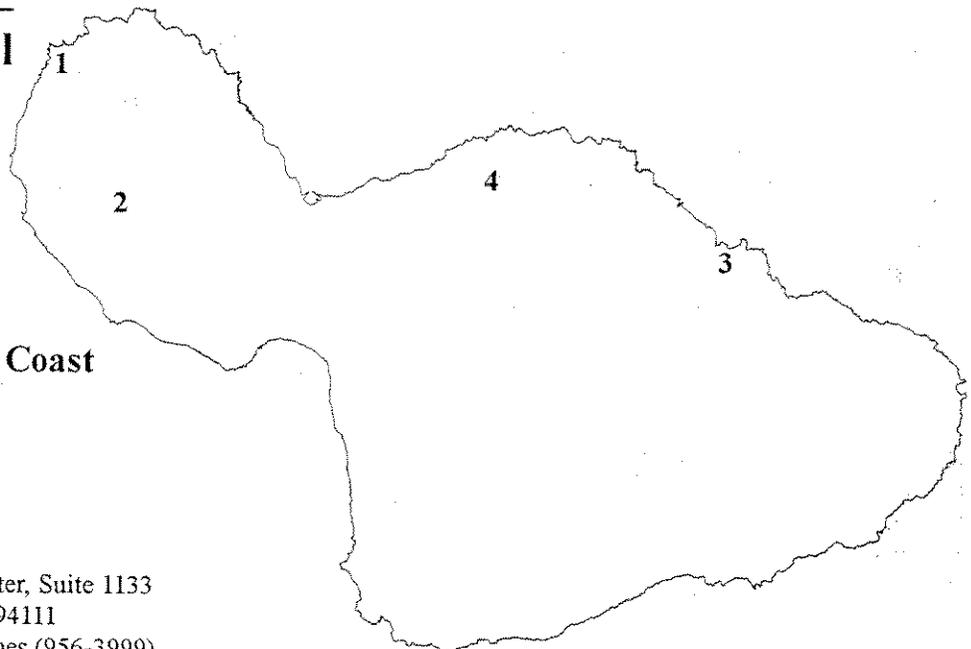
**Consultant:** Group 70 International, Inc.  
925 Bethel Street, 5th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Jeffrey Overton (523-5866 x 111)

#### Public Comment

**Deadline:** January 22, 1997  
**Status:** DEA First Notice, pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

The project involves the consolidation and resubdivision of 1,600 sq. ft. of land to relocate an existing U.S. Coast Guard light pole. The proposed site has been accepted by the U.S. Coast Guard and the light pole function will continue with no affect to navigation. CDUA and SMA approvals have been granted by the DLNR and County of Maui for the light pole relocation.

The project is anticipated to have no significant economic effects, and no effect upon the social or environmental characteristics of this site. There are no rare or endangered native plants and/or animals present at the light pole relocation site.



The proposed action requires a Departmental Permit under Title 13-5 HAR "Consolidation and resubdivision into an equal number of lots that does not result in increased density."

The property is located on Hawea Point (Lahaina District) and is bordered by the Kapalua Bay Hotel.

### (2) Kapunakea Preserve Natural Area Partnership

**District:** Lahaina  
**TMK:** 4-4-07-01, 4-4-07-03, 4-4-07-07, 4-4-07-08  
**Applicant:** Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Betsy Gagne' (587-0063)  
and  
The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii  
1116 Smith Street, Suite 201  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Contact: Wendy Fulks (537-4508)

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## Accepting

**Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Betsy Gagne' (587-0063)

## Public Comment

**Deadline:** January 22, 1997  
**Status:** DEA First Notice, pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicants with copies to the accepting authority and OEQC.

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife is proposing to renew a long-term management agreement with The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii to manage the 1,264-acre Kapunakea Preserve in the District of Lahaina, County of Maui. This project is part of the Natural Area Partnership Program, a state program that provides 2:1 matching funds for natural area protection efforts on private lands of Natural Area Reserve quality.

The preserve is on the leeward side of West Maui and borders two natural areas that are also managed to protect natural resources: Puu Kukui Watershed Management Area (privately owned) and the Honokowai section of the state West Maui Natural Area Reserve. These protected areas form more than 13,000 acres of contiguous, managed watershed.

In addition to intermittent streams, the preserve contains one rare natural community (the Ohia Mixed Montane Bog) and nine other natural community types. These range from lowland mesic (moist) shrublands to montane wet forests.

Rare plant and animal taxa are also protected in Kapunakea Preserve. To date, 24 rare plant taxa (7 federally listed as endangered) and 4 rare snail taxa have been reported from Kapunakea.

Preserve management programs are reducing threats to the area's native species. Threats include ungulates, invasive non-native plants, and rodents. Active management to reduce these serious threats also maintains important watershed cover vital to Maui's domestic, agricultural, commercial, and environmental needs. Other positive impacts of the proposed project include: tracking of biological resources in the preserve, decreased erosion, improved water quality within and below the preserve, and public outreach to educate the community about Hawaii's natural heritage.

## (3) Keanae Baseyard Renovations

**District:** Hana  
**TMK:** 1-1-02:10  
**Applicant:** Department of Accounting and General Services  
P.O. Box 119  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96810  
Contact: Eric Nishimoto (586-0468)

## Accepting

**Authority:** Department of Accounting and General Services  
P.O. Box 119  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96810  
Contact: Eric Nishimoto (586-0468)

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

## Public Comment

**Deadline:** January 22, 1997  
**Status:** DEA First Notice, pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The State Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) is proposing to renovate the existing State Highways Division baseyard in Keanae, Maui, Hawaii. The 3.096 acre site is situated within the State Agricultural District. The subject property abuts the easterly boundary of YMCA's Camp Keanae.

Existing baseyard facilities include a 660 square foot office building, a 560 square foot storage shed, two 160 square foot mobile trailer offices, and an underground 500 gallon fuel storage tank with aboveground dispenser. According to County real property records, the existing storage shed and the office building were constructed less than 50 years ago.

With the exception of the existing mobile trailer offices, the proposed renovation will involve the demolition of the existing, deteriorated baseyard facilities. Proposed baseyard improvements include a 3,280 square foot storage and truck shed, a 1,600 square foot office building, and two covered, aboveground 500 gallon fuel storage tanks (one for diesel and one for gasoline) and dispensers. Additional improvements include asphalt paving, exterior lighting, and security

fencing. Construction is anticipated to start in the third quarter of 1997 with a construction duration of approximately 10 to 12 months.

The landowner of the subject property is the State of Hawaii. The property, however, is under the control and management of the Department of Transportation, Highways Division.

## Final Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

### (4) Haiku Well Pump Station

**District:** Makawao  
**TMK:** 2-7-33:001  
**Applicant:** County of Maui  
Department of Water Supply  
P.O. Box 1109  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: David Craddick (243-7816)

**Accepting Authority:** County of Maui  
Department of Water Supply  
P.O. Box 1109  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: David Craddick (243-7816)

**Consultant:** Fukunaga & Associates, Inc.  
1388 Kapiolani Boulevard, 2nd Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814  
Contact: Valerie Suzuki (944-1821)

**Public Challenge**  
**Deadline:** January 22, 1997  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The County of Maui, Department of Water Supply proposes to use the 350 gallons per minute vertical turbine pump installed in the Haiku Well (Well No. 5419-1) to withdraw 500,000 gallons per day for municipal use. The well is located one mile south of Haiku Town in the Makawao District of the island of Maui. The well will be utilized to supply potable water to the nearby Haiku community.

## Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

### Draft Environmental Assessments

#### ☛ Brennan Single Family Residence

**Applicant:** John and Susan Brennan  
11212 Mann Road  
Mooresville, Indiana 46158  
Contact: Rory Frampton (242-1955)

**Accepting Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Lauren Tanaka (587-0385)

**Public Comment**  
**Deadline:** January 7, 1997

#### ☛ Mill Street Retaining Wall

**Applicant:** County of Maui  
Department of Public Works and Waste Management  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Charles Jencks (243-7845)

**Accepting Authority:** Same as above.  
**Public Comment**  
**Deadline:** January 7, 1997

#### ☛ Napili Well "A" GAC Treatment Facility

**Applicant:** County of Maui, Department of Water Supply  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Herb Kogasaka (243-7835)

**Accepting Authority:** Same as above.  
**Public Comment**  
**Deadline:** January 7, 1997

# Molokai Notices

DECEMBER 23, 1996

## Draft Environmental Assessments

### (1) Pelekunu Preserve Natural Area Partnership

**District:** Molokai  
**TMK:** owned in full 5-4-3-32, 5-9-7-17; 87% 5-9-6-11; 5-9-7-1, 4, 11, 14, 16, 21, 24, 30, 31, 32, 33; 5-9-8-5, 6, 7, 10, 12  
**Applicant:** Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Betsy Gagne' (587-0063) and The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii  
1116 Smith Street, Suite 201  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Contact: Wendy Fulks (537-2721)

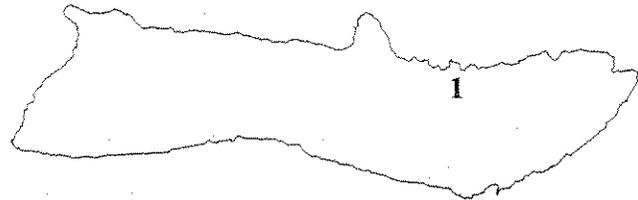
**Accepting Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Betsy Gagne' (587-0063)

**Public Comment Deadline:** January 22, 1997  
**Status:** DEA First Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicants with copies to the accepting authority and OEQC.

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife is proposing to renew a long-term management agreement with The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii to manage the 5,759-acre Pelekunu Preserve on the island of Molokai, County of Maui. This project is part of the Natural Area Partnership Program.

The preserve, located in the northeast sector of Molokai encompasses the majority of Pelekunu Valley and also the adjacent Waiohookalo Valley. Pelekunu Preserve contains one of Hawaii's last remaining intact, perennial stream ecosystems. Pelekunu Preserve is bordered by four other managed natural areas. Together, these managed areas protect more than 22,000 acres of contiguous ecosystems that range from sea level to 4,970 feet in elevation.

In addition to the rare Hawaiian Continuous Perennial Stream community, Pelekunu Preserve contains 13 other natural community types. These are more widespread aquatic and terrestrial communities, including coastal, lowland, and



montane grasslands, shrubland, and forest types.

Rare plants and animals are also protected in Pelekunu Preserve. To date 27 rare plant taxa have been reported from this area, including 8 that are federally listed endangered species, and 1 that is listed as threatened. The preserve also contains native birds and at least two endemic achatinellid land snail species.

Preserve management programs are reducing threats to the area's native species and protecting the rare stream system. Threats include hoofed mammals (pigs, goats and axis deer), alien plants, and water development. Other positive impacts of the proposed project include tracking of biological resources in the preserve, decreased erosion, maintenance of water quality and natural flow regimes within a stream system known for its biological importance, and public outreach to educate the community about Hawaii's natural heritage.

## Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

### Draft Environmental Assessments

#### ~ Kualapuu Community Center

**Applicant:** County of Maui  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
1580 Kaahumanu Avenue  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Patrick Matsui (243-7931)

**Acc. Authority:** Same as above.

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:** January 7, 1997

#### ~ Ohiapilo Wetland Enhancement

**Applicant:** County of Maui  
Department of Public Works  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Charles Jencks (243-7845)

**Acc. Authority:** Same as above.

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:** January 7, 1997

## Draft Environmental Assessments

### (1) Kanepuu Preserve Natural Area Partnership

**District:** Lanai  
**TMK:** 4-9-02-01  
**Applicant:** Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Betsy Gagne' (587-0063)  
and  
The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii  
1116 Smith Street, Suite 201  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Contact: Wendy Fulks (537-4508)

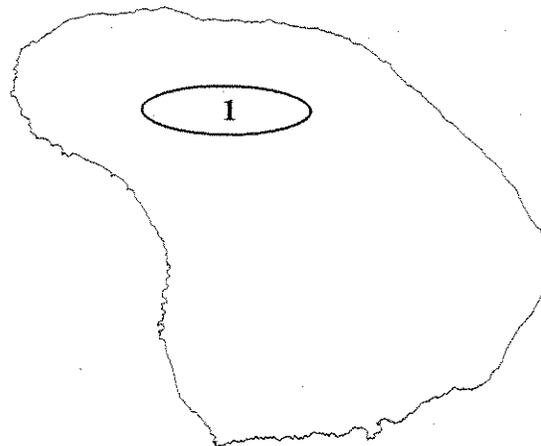
**Accepting Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Betsy Gagne' (587-0063)

#### Public Comment

**Deadline:** January 22, 1997  
**Status:** DEA First Notice, pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicants with  
copies to the accepting authority and  
OEQC.

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife is proposing to renew a long-term management agreement with The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii to manage the 590-acre Kanepuu Preserve on the island of Lanai, County of Maui. This project is part of the Natural Area Partnership Program, a state program that provides 2:1 matching funds for natural area protection efforts on private lands of Natural Area Reserve quality.

The preserve is northwest of Lanai City and is comprised of seven disjunct sections ranging from 13 to 368 acres in size. The elevation in this area is approximately 1,700 feet. Kanepuu Preserve was created to protect and enhance the



olopua/lama (*Nestegis/Diospyros*) dryland forest that once covered large portions of the lowlands on Maui, Molokai, Kahoolawe, and Lanai. Today, Kanepuu contains the last major remnant of this rare dryland forest community.

Four listed endangered plants are currently found in the preserve: the fragrantly flowered *Gardenia brighamii*, sandalwood or iliahi (*Santalum freycinetianum* var. *lanaiense*), the vining *Bonamia menziesii*, and the mao hau hele (*Hibiscus brackenridgei* ssp. *brackenridgei*). The mao hau hele was planted in the preserve and may not have occurred there naturally. Native invertebrates and two common species of native birds are also present in Kanepuu Preserve.

Preserve management programs are reducing threats to the area's native species. Major threats include introduced game animals (axis deer and mouflon sheep), cattle, rapid soil erosion, wildfire, and a number of invasive alien (non-native) plants. Other positive impacts of the proposed project include: tracking of biological resources in the preserve, and public outreach to educate the community about Hawaii's natural heritage.

# Hawaii Notices

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## Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

### Draft Environmental Assessments

#### ► Hawaii Scientific Drilling Project

**Applicant:** University of Hawaii  
School of Ocean and Earth Science and  
Technology  
1000 Pope Road  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822  
Contact: Dr. C.B. Raleigh (956-6182)

**Accepting  
Authority:** University of Hawaii  
2444 Dole Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822  
Contact: Eugene Imai (956-8903)

**Public Comment  
Deadline:** January 7, 1997

### Draft Environmental Impact Statements

#### ► Hilo Judiciary Complex

**Applicant:** Department of Accounting and General  
Services  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Ralph Yukumoto (586-0488)

**Accepting  
Authority:** Governor, State of Hawaii  
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control  
220 South King Street, 4th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Public Comment  
Deadline:** January 7, 1997

#### ► Keaau High School

**Applicant:** Department of Accounting and General  
Services  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Brian Isa (586-0484)

**Accepting  
Authority:** Governor, State of Hawaii  
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control  
220 South King Street, 4th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Public Comment  
Deadline:** January 7, 1997

## Draft Environmental Assessments

### (1) Graham Single Family Residence

**District:** Hanalei  
**TMK:** 5-5-08:06  
**Applicant:** Department of Land & Natural Resources, Land Division  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Lauren Tanaka (587-0385)

**Accepting Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Lauren Tanaka (587-0385)

**Consultant:** Belles Graham Proudfoot & Wilson  
4334 Rice Street, Suite 202  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Contact: Max Graham (245-4705)

#### Public Comment

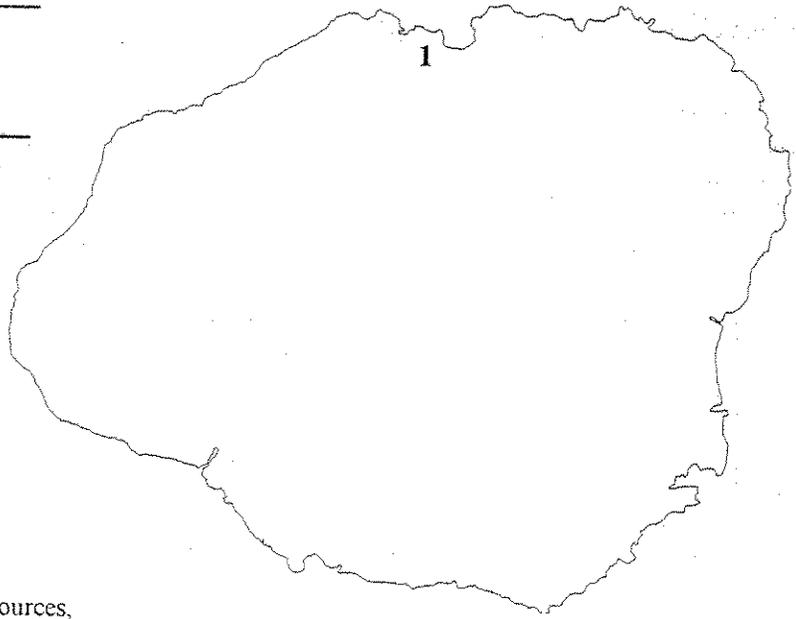
**Deadline:** January 22, 1997  
**Status:** DEA First Notice, pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The proposed project is for the construction of a single family dwelling with a total floor area of 957 square feet on a Kuleana parcel located at Waioli Valley in Hanalei, Kauai.

The structure will be approximately twenty feet high, made primarily of wood, with a metal roof and will have two bedrooms, a bathroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, an outside lanai, and a carport.

A non-exclusive easement from the State of Hawaii for access and utility purposes is also being requested.

The removal of more than five trees is needed to clear the project site for construction. Information on species, number, location and size of trees found on the property and a description of those that will be removed has been requested.



## Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments Draft Environmental Assessments

### ● Kapaa Self-Help Project

**Applicant:** Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii  
1427 Dillingham Boulevard, Suite 305  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Contact: Claudia Shay (336-4035)  
**Acc. Authority:** County of Kauai, Housing Agency  
4493 Hardy Street  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Contact: Gary Mackler (241-6865)

#### Public Comment

**Deadline:** January 7, 1997

### ● Kapaa Homesteads Well No. 2

**Applicant:** County of Kauai  
Department of Water  
P.O. Box 1706  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Contact: Mel Matsumura (245-5410)  
**Acc. Authority:** County of Kauai  
Department of Water  
P.O. Box 1706  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Contact: Ernest Lau (245-5403)

#### Public Comment

**Deadline:** January 7, 1997

# Shoreline Notices

DECEMBER 23, 1996

## Shoreline Certification Applications

Pursuant to §13-222-12, HAR the following shoreline certification applications are available for inspection at the DLNR District Land Offices on Kauai, Hawaii and Maui and at Room 220, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, Oahu (Tel: 587-0414). All comments shall be submitted in writing to the State Land Surveyor, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 210, Honolulu, HI 96813 and postmarked no later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the public notice of the application.

Case No.	Date Received	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
HA-183	12/05/96	Lanikai 2nd and Keolu 1st, North Kona, Hawaii (Alii Drive)	County of Hawaii/Dept. Of Public Works for County of Hawaii	7-5-06
OA-614	12/05/96	Lots 157 Through 162 Inclusive as shown on Map 26, Lot 297 as shown on Map 45, and Lot 2695 as shown on Map 274 of Ld Ct App 1069 at Honouliuli, Ewa, Oahu (Papipi Road)	GMP Associates for Haseko, Inc.	9-1-11:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 9-1-12:6
OA-615	12/06/96	Situated Southwesterly of Makapuu Point, Being a Por of RP 4475, LCA w 7713 Ap 30 to V. Kamamalu, at Maunaloa, Honolulu, Oahu (Kahianaole Highway)	Sam O. Hirota, Inc. For Trustees of the Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop	3-9-11:3 & Por 2

# Pollution Control Permits

## 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
Safe Drinking Water Branch, (586-4258), Underground Injection Control Permit	Department of Transportation	Keahole-Kona International Airport, Hawaii	NA	39 New Drainage Drywells
SDWB, (586-4258), UIC Permit	Department of Accounting and General Services	Kealahou High School 2nd. Increment, Hawaii	NA	2 New Additional Drainage Drywells
Clean Water Branch (586-4309), Water Quality Certification	Gentry Homes Limited, File # WQC 303	Ewa by Gentry, Honouliuli, Ewa, Oahu	Comment Deadline: Dec. 30, 1996	Offsite Drainage Plan
Clean Air Branch (586-4200), Noncovered Source Permit	Kauai Humane Society, Permit # 0347-01-N	30825 Kaunualii Highway, Lihue, Kauai	NA	150 Lb./Hr. Pathological Waste Incinerator
Clean Air Branch (586-4200), Noncovered Source Permit	Wilcox Memorial Hospital, Permit # 0320-01-N	3420 Kuhio Highway, Lihue, Kauai	NA	Two 100 HP Boilers and 50 Lb./Hr. Pathological Waste Incinerator

# Environmental Council Notices

DECEMBER 23, 1996

## 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 Mr. Harlan Hashimoto, Chairperson, Environmental Council c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control, 235 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or by Fax at (808) 586-4186.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, January 15, 1997 at 4:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Office of Environmental Quality Control  
Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building  
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Please call on or after January 9, 1997 for the final agenda and confirmation of meeting date and time.

## 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. Requests to be placed on the mailing list may be sent to Mr. Harlan Hashimoto, Chairperson, Environmental Council, c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control.

# Conservation District Notices

## Departmental Permits

Persons interested in commenting on the following Conservation District Use Departmental Permit Applications must submit comments to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Also, anyone interested in receiving notification of determinations on Conservation District Use Departmental Permit Applications must submit requests to DLNR which include the following information:

- 1) Name and address of the requestor;
- 2) The departmental permit for which the requestor would like to receive notice of determination, and;
- 3) The date the notice was initially published in the Environmental Notice.

Both comments and requests for notification of determinations must be submitted to DLNR within thirty-days from the initial date that the notice was published in the Environmental Notice.

Please send comments and requests to:

State of Hawaii  
Department of Land and Natural Resources

Land Division  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

DLNR will make every effort to notify those interested in the subject CDUA, it is not obligated to notify any person not strictly complying with the above requirements. For more information please contact Ed Henry at 587-0377.

## Hawea Point Consolidation and Resubdivision to Relocate Coast Guard Light

Name of Applicant: T.P. Liem  
Location: Lahaina, Maui  
CDUA: MA-2835 Departmental Permit  
Proposed Action: Consolidation and resubdivision of  
1,600 s.f. of land to relocate  
existing U.S.C.G. light pole  
343, HRS determination: Anticipated FONSI (see page 9)  
Applicant's Contact: Jeffrey Overton 523-5866 ext. 111

# Federal Notices

DECEMBER 23, 1996

## Native Hawaiian Remains

Repatriation of native Hawaiian remains from the following locations is planned after **JANUARY 3, 1997**, if no additional claimants come forward. Please see the Federal Register references in parentheses for more information.

1. Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum. Remains from South Kohala, including funerary object (see, 61 F.R. 64362, December 4, 1996); remains from Maui, including funerary objects (see, 61 F.R. 64361, December 4, 1996); remains from Lana'i (see 61 F.R. 64363, December 4, 1996); remains from Kaua'i, including funerary objects (see, 61 F.R. 64363, December 4, 1996).

2. Honolulu Maritime Center, remains from O'ahu and Hawai'i (see, 61 F.R. 64363, December 4, 1996)

## Environmental Education Grants

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting grant proposals from education institutions, public agencies, and non-profit organizations to support environmental education projects. Proposals, signed by an authorized representative, plus two copies, must be mailed to EPA postmarked no later than **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1997** (see, 61 F.R. 65105, December 10, 1996, for details).

## Federal Property for Homeless

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has found the following to suitable and available for assisting the homeless: Bldgs. S180, S181, 219, 220 and 222 at the Naval Station on Ford Island (see, 61 F.R. 65588, December 13, 1996); Bldg. P-6082 at Fort Shafter and Bldg. P-2604 at Schofield Barracks (see, 61 F.R. 57878, November 8, 1996).

## Historic Places

The National Park Service is in receipt of the following nominations to the National Register of Historic Places: Civilian Conservation Corps Camp in Koke'e State Park, Koke'e State Park Headquarters, Kaua'i; and, Kalēpolepo Fishpond in Kihei, Maui (see, 61 F.R. 64148, December 3, 1996).

## Maui Floodmap Changes

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has made interim revisions (see, 61 F.R. 60037, November 26, 1996) and final revisions (see 61 F.R. 60034, November 26, 1997) to flood maps for Maui County.

## Homeporting Aircraft Carriers EIS

The Department of the Navy announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and to open scoping to evaluate the environmental effects associated with developing and operating home port facilities for three nuclear-powered aircraft carriers (CVNs) in support of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. The scope of the proposed action is to: (1) determine the appropriate home port for two CVNs that will replace two conventionally-powered aircraft carriers (CVs) that are currently homeported at Naval Air Station (NAS) North Island in the Naval Complex San Diego, CA, and (2) reevaluate the current location of one CVN homeport at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Everett in order to increase efficiency of support infrastructure, maintenance, and repair capabilities, to reduce costs, and to enhance crew quality of life (see, 61 F.R. 64071, December 3, 1996, for details).

## Protection of Historic Properties during Federal Emergency Response

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), the United States Coast Guard, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Energy have agreed to a proposed agreement on protection of historic properties during emergency removal of oil and hazardous material releases (for more information, see 61 F.R. 60257, November 27, 1996).

## Environmental Justice Grants

In 1992, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), finding that minority and low-income populations may experience higher than average exposure to toxic pollutants than the general population, established the Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) to help these communities identify and assess pollution sources, to implement environmental awareness and training programs for affected residents, and to work with community stakeholders to devise strategies for improvements.

The EPA will award approximately \$2,500,000 in grant funds to eligible organizations. Hawai'i applications must be mailed to EPA Region 9 in San Francisco no later than **FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1997**. See 61 F.R. 65214, December 11, 1996, for details, or call Mr. Willard Chin at (415) 744-1204.

## Wildlife Management at Lihue Airport

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Animal Damage Control program has prepared a draft environmental assessment for Wildlife Hazard Management at Lihue Airport. For more information, please contact the Animal Damage Control program at (808) 861-8575.

## Naval Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor

The U.S. Navy proposes to construct a berthing pier and other accessory facilities at the Pearl Harbor Naval Submarine Base and has applied for a Department of Army Permit. For more information please call Kathleen dadey at (808) 438-9258.

# Letters of Notice

## Nimitz Highway Improvements

*The following are excerpts from a comment letter written by the Outdoor Circle on the Draft SEIS for the Nimitz Highway Improvements.*

### Visual Impacts

The plan for the Honolulu Gateway Beautification Project (March 1980) focuses on improving the aesthetics of Nimitz Highway and Ala Moana Boulevard. It describes these roads as being of special importance to visitors entering Waikiki, as well as to downtown commuters and residents. The SEIS claims the incorporation of the Gateway Beautification Project's recommendations within this segment proposed for improvement on Nimitz Highway. This does not seem the case.

The elevated highway will eliminate some existing views of the Koolau Mountains. The SEIS discounts these views completely. It claims that new viewing opportunities will be created for viaduct users. What about the people not on the elevated highway? Their views will be completely disrupted. In its review of the application for an SMA permit, City Council will seek to minimize "any development which would substantially interfere with or detract from the line of site toward the sea . . ." This project clearly interferes with that line of site.

The SEIS claims that mitigation of the visual impacts created by viewing the viaduct from underneath will "enhance positive visual effects and reduce or eliminate negative ones." This will be done by utilizing as yet undefined elements into the design. The Outdoor Circle feels that rather than claiming the viaduct will have "soft edges, shapely piers, and long spans," we should be shown these design elements. What is a shapely pier? In addition, it is not feasible to claim that replanting the disturbed median will mitigate the visual impacts, without including landscaping plans. A discussion of what kinds of landscape materials will be planted is important to the acceptance of the FEIS.

To avoid the type of problems experienced with H-3, we feel the FEIS must address signage on Nimitz Highway. The public was shown signage to be used on H-3 that was not what was installed. Over-sized, blinking signs on structures that further block the views are not appropriate for Nimitz Highway.

Finally, a more complete study needs to be presented regarding the visual effects of the viaduct. Only one computer generated view is shown in the SEIS. Many more are needed before a determination can be made about the proposed highway's visual impacts. Views should be analyzed from the perspective of being on the viaduct, as well as underneath it.

### Landscaping

The SEIS says, "appropriate funding would be allocated in the project budget for revegetation and landscaping." The same was said of H-3. Some segments of that project, constructed early-on, are landscaped. Now the public is being told there is no money to complete landscaping. How can we be assured there will be money for this phase of the Nimitz Highway project?

We have already commented about our concern regarding the landscaping of the median, underneath the viaduct. Details about the landscaping plans are needed. It is not enough to say that plants requiring less sunlight will be used. Will some of these be native plants? In addition, the SEIS does not address the irrigation for this landscaping. Will the strip be irrigated? Where will the water come from?

The SEIS proposes developing a gateway on old Pflueger Dealership property. More detail is required regarding this gateway.





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