

SAMPLE LETTER FOR APPROVING AGENCY FILING A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PREPARATION NOTICE FOLLOWING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND ANTICIPATED FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH THE OEQC (FOR APPLICANT ACTIONS)

Approving Agency Name
[Street Address]
[City, ST ZIP Code]
Date

Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control
Department of Health, State of Hawai'i
235 S. Beretania Street, Room 702
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Director:

Prior to this letter, we had transmitted to you a draft environmental assessment and anticipated finding of no significant impact (DEA-AFONSI), notice of which was published in the _____, 20__, edition of the Environmental Notice. At the conclusion of the 30-day public comment period, the (Approving Agency Name) reviewed the information and comments in light of the significant criteria set forth in Section 11-200-12, Hawai'i Administrative Rules. We now find that the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment. With this letter, the (Approving Agency Name) hereby transmits the final environmental assessment and environmental impact statement preparation notice (FEA-EISPN) for the (Action Name) situated at (TMK Number), in the (District Name) on the island of (Island Name) for publication in the next available edition of the Environmental Notice.

We understand that publication of the FEA-EISPN in the Environmental Notice will initiate a 30-day public consultation period for parties to comment on the applicant's action and to request to become consulted parties in the applicant's preparation of the draft environmental impact statement. At the conclusion of the public consultation period on the FEA-EISPN, we further understand that the applicant will simultaneously file a draft EIS with your office and our agency.

Enclosed is a completed OEQC Publication Form, two copies of the FEA-EISPN, an Adobe Acrobat PDF file of the same, and an electronic copy of the publication form in MS Word. Simultaneous with this letter, we have submitted the summary of the action in a text file by electronic mail to your office.

If there are any questions, please contact (Approving Agency Contact Name) at (Contact Telephone Number).

Sincerely,

(Approving Agency Official)

Enclosures

C: Applicant