Mr. Brian J. J. Choy  
Director  
Office of Environmental Quality Control  
220 South King Street, 4th Floor  
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Dear Mr. Choy:

Subject: Kulani Correctional Facility  
Fuel System Replacement  
D.A.G.S. Job No. 11-27-3986

Transmitted herewith for your appropriate action are four copies of the Negative Declaration for the subject project. If there are any questions, please have your staff call Mr. Roy Kimura of my staff at 548-3925.

Very truly yours,

TEUANE TOMINAGA  
State Public Works Engineer

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Notice of determination
for
* Kuleani Correctional Facility
Fuel System Replacement *
August 12, 1991

A. Proposing Agency
Department of Accounting and General Services for the
Department of Public Safety.

B. Approving Agency
Not applicable.

C. Agencies Consulted
Department of Public Safety.

D. General Description of Technical, Economic, Social and
Environmental Characteristics

1. General: The Kuleani Correctional Facility is located
at approximately 5,200-foot-level elevation on the
eastern side of Mauna Loa. The site is bordered by
the Upper Waiakea and Mauna Loa Forest Reserves. The
facility occupies an area of approximately 25 acres.
Buildings on the facility include the Administration,
Kitchen and Mess Hall, Laundry, Sawmill, Repair Shop,
Gymnasium, Woodwork Shop, Crafts Display/Visiting,
seven dormitories and several miscellaneous buildings.

The proposed project is within the 25-acre developed
area. This area does not have any animals,
significant habitats or significant plants. Because
the area is presently developed, we do not expect the
proposed project to affect any historic/archaeological
or cultural sites.

2. Technical: The project is to remove existing fuel
storage tanks and to replace them with new double wall
tanks and piping system to meet Department of Health
and EPA regulations.

3. Economic: The estimated cost of construction is
$565,000. Since the project will be constructed
within the existing Kuleani Correctional Facility, no
land will be removed from the tax base.

4. Social: The project will not have any social impact.
5. **Environmental:** The project will not create any major environmental impact. In fact, this project is intended to prevent adverse environmental impacts in the future due to fuel contamination.

**E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SITE MAPS**

A site plan is provided in Figure "1".

**F. DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

The following assessments are made to determine whether the anticipated effects constitute a "significant effect":

1. The proposed action will not involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resource.

2. The proposed action will not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.

3. The proposed action will not conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies.

4. The proposed action will not substantially affect the economic or social welfare of the community or State.

5. The proposed action will not substantially affect economic or sociological activities.

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8. The proposed action will not individually or cumulatively have a considerable effect upon the environment nor will it involve a commitment for larger actions.

9. The proposed action will not substantially affect any rare, threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or habitat.

10. The proposed action will not detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels.
11. The project is not located in any environmentally sensitive area such as a flood plain, tsunami zone, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.

G. SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS

From the above assessment, no major adverse environmental impact is anticipated. The project will result in the following minor adverse impacts:

1. Depletion of labor and material resources for construction.

2. Some dust and noise during construction.

H. PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

The temporary dust and noise which would occur during construction will be controlled by application of appropriate pollution control measures.

I. DETERMINATION

It is determined that an Environmental Impact Statement should not be required for this project because the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the environment.
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
FOR
KULANI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
FUEL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT
JULY 22, 1991

A. PROPOSING AGENCY
Department of Accounting and General Services for the Department of Public Safety.

B. APPROVING AGENCY
Not applicable.

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED
Department of Public Safety.

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Mr. Teuane Tominaga
State Public Works Engineer
Department of Accounting and General Services
Division of Public Works
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96810

Dear Mr. Tominaga:

This is written in reference to your letters PM-1232.1 dated July 25, 1991 regarding the Kulani Correctional Facility Fuel System Replacement, DAGS Job No. 11-27-5986, and PM-1234.1 regarding the Kulani Correctional Facility Repairs and Alteration Phase I, DAGS Job 21-27-4274. We have reviewed both negative declarations and offer the following comments [with applicable citations from the Hawaii Administrative Rules] for your earnest consideration and action.

1. The Office is unclear as to whether the actions described in the subject negative declarations constitute a single action under the provisions of Section 11-200-7 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR). Please be advised that a group of actions proposed by an agency or applicant must be treated as a single action when:

   A. The component actions are phases or increments of a larger total undertaking;
   B. An individual project is a necessary precedent for a larger project;
   C. An individual project represents a commitment to a larger project; or
   D. The actions in question are essentially identical and a single statement will adequately address the impacts of each individual action and those of the group of actions as a whole. [HAR §11-200-7]

2. While a map of the island of Hawaii is provided to indicate the location of both projects, a more localized site map should be provided which indicates the locations of existing tanks and proposed tanks, and sites of facility repairs and alterations. [HAR §11-200-10(5)]

3. A summary narrative description, clearly indicating what features are present, should be included. This description should include discussion of plants, animals, significant habitats, historic/archaeological and cultural sites, adjacent natural resources, sensitive habitats and any bodies of water adjacent to the proposed project. [HAR §11-200-10(5)]
4. Page 1 of both negative declarations state that project will not have any social impact. We encourage you to consider the possibility that the lack of adequate fuel tanks and facility repairs and alterations may have severe social impacts on the immediate prison community as well as the community at large. We further encourage you to consider the possibility that past releases from fuel tanks may, depending on the subsurface geology, affect individuals and populations in the immediate community, as well as the community at large.

5. Provide documentation and disclosure of any past releases from the existing tanks and what measures are being taken to mitigate such releases. Please indicate whether the tanks and their associated piping are underground. We strongly encourage you to consult with the Environmental Management Division of the Department of Health in the matter of tank replacement.

6. We recommend that you provide an explicit statement which clearly outlines your reasons for issuing the negative declaration [HAR §11-200-10(9)].

Before we can continue processing your determinations for publication in the OEQC Bulletin, we need to receive items 2, 3 and 6 above, for each of the negative declarations (with the understanding that these are separate actions not subject to the provisions for multiple or phased applicant or agency actions in Section 11-200-7 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules), as these items are administratively required for inclusion in all environmental assessments.

If these actions are indeed multiple or phased agency actions, you may wish to withdraw each negative declaration for consolidation and resubmit at a future date.

Also, please find enclosed some general guidelines on the preparation of environmental assessments and notices of determination. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Leslie Segundo at 586-4185.

Very truly yours,

BRIAN J. J. CHÖY

Enclosure