Mr. Brian J.J. Choy, Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Choy:

Subject: Negative Declaration for New Above-Ground Tanks,
Lahaina Public Works Baseyard
TMK: 4-4-01:104, Honokowai, Maui, Hawaii

The Department of Public Works, County of Maui has reviewed
the environmental assessment for the New Above-Ground Fuel Tanks,
Lahaina Public Works Baseyard, and has determined that the project
will not have any significant impacts on the environment. Based
on our determination, we are filing a negative declaration for
this project.

Enclosed are four copies of the environmental assessment.

Please contact Mr. David Wissmar at 243-7869 if you have
any questions. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

George N. Kaya
Director of Public Works

Enclosures
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
A NEW ABOVE-GROUND FUEL TANKS, LAHAINA
PUBLIC WORKS BASEYARD
AUGUST 1991

Proposing Agency: County of Maui
Department of Public Works
Highways Division

Agencies Consulted
County: Planning Department
Water Department
State: Department of Health, Safe Drinking Water Branch
Department of Transportation, Highways Division
Department of Land and Natural Resources

Project Characteristics

General: The County of Maui, Department of Public Works is proposing to install two above-ground fuel tanks at the new Lahaina Public Works Baseyard near Honokowai, Maui. The site is part of the land used for the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility. The Public Works Highways Division is using a vacant one-acre parcel at the north end of the treatment facility. The attached tax map shows the approximate location.

Technical: The proposed project will consist of the installation of two new above-ground, double-walled, 1000-gallon fuel tanks, one for diesel and one for gasoline.

Economic: Installing the fuel tanks will cost the County approximately $50,000. The County pays approximately $.74 per gallon for gasoline and $.90 for diesel, with its own fuel tanks. Presently, the Lahaina vehicles are being fueled at a nearby service station with gasoline prices at around $1.60 per gallon. Diesel fuel is being supplied by a small (300-gallon) portable tanker at the County price. Based on 1,000 gallons per month, the savings in retail fuel costs will pay for the new tanks in less than five years. In the long term, the savings to the County will be significant.

Social: The fuel tanks will be located on government controlled property and will be used for government vehicles. The operation will have no impact on the Lahaina community.
Environmental: The fuel tanks will be of the latest design, double-walled with fuel over-spill and containment provisions. The tanks will be approved by the County Fire Department. The facility is planned to be pollution free, except for the gas and diesel vapors during refueling, or small drips as fuel hoses are removed from vehicle fueling ports. The tanks are low in profile, painted green, and resemble large molded rectangular blocks (7 feet wide by 12 feet long by 5 feet high).

Summary of the Affected Environment

The proposed tanks will replace old fueling arrangements at the vacated Lahaina town baseyard. The new tanks are modern in design, safe and pollution free to operate. The site is on the newly created Lahaina baseyard. There are no endangered fauna, critical habitats, historical/archaeological or cultural sites within the fenced compound. The ground is bare, well drained, and away from any water sources.

Summary of Major Impacts

Short Term

1. Depletion of labor and material resources during construction.
2. Some dust and noise during construction. Water for dust control is available within 100 feet.

Long Term

Air Quality: Emissions are expected from motor vehicles entering and exiting the baseyard. The pollution from motor vehicles is expected to be very minimal. No significant impact to the air quality is expected.

Water Quality: No significant impact to the water quality is expected.

Noise: Vehicles entering and exiting the baseyard will generate noise. The noise from traffic would be very minimal. No significant noise impact is expected.

Archaeological: No significant archaeological impact is expected.

Flora: No significant impact on the flora is expected.

Fauna: No significant impact on the fauna is expected.
Visual: The new fuel tanks are small compared to the building structures and heavy equipment positioned in the Public Works baseyard. Visual impact will be minimal.

Alternatives considered

The "no-action" alternative was considered but deemed to be unacceptable because the benefits of refueling from county owned and operated fuel tanks.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

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

2. Trees will be planted around the perimeter of the new baseyard in order to reduce visual impact of the semi-industrial appearance.

Determination

The new fuel tanks are not expected to cause significant impacts to the environment. Therefore, it has been determined that a negative declaration will be filed.

Findings and Reasons Supporting Determination

1. The proposed project will not involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction to any natural or cultural resources.

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

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

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

5. The proposed project will not involve substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.

6. The proposed project will not involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality.

7. The proposed project will not substantially affect any rare, threatened or endangered species of flora or fauna or habitat. No endangered species of flora or fauna are known to exist in the project site.
8. The proposed project will not detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels.

9. The proposed project will not be located in any environmentally sensitive area, such as flood plain, tsunami zone, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.

For the reasons above, the proposed project will not have any significant effect in the context of chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes and section 11-200-12 of the State Administrative Rules.
DOCUMENT FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OEQC BULLETIN

TITLE OF PROJECT: New Above-Ground Fuel Tanks, Lahaina
Public Works Baseyard, Honokowai, Hawaii

LOCATION: ISLAND Maui DISTRICT Lahaina

TAX MAP KEY: 4-4-01:104

TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE AGENCY ONLY:

TYPE OF ACTION: AGENCY X APPLICANT

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY IN BOTH CATEGORIES:

CATEGORY 1: Applicable State or Federal Statue
X Chapter 343, HRS Chapter 205A, HRS NEPA (Federal Actions Only)

CATEGORY 2: Type of Document
X Negative Declaration or FONSI ______ Revised Draft EIS
____ EIS Preparation Notice or NOP ______ Revised Final EIS
____ Draft EIS ______ Supplemental Draft EIS
____ Final EIS ______ Supplemental Final EIS

Prior to general distribution, please submit to OEQC. 4 copies of the Negative Declarations or EIS Preparation Notices, 4 copies of the Draft EIS’s or Final EIS (For Draft and Final EIS’s an additional copy is mailed to OEQC.)

PROPOSING AGENCY OR APPLICANT SHOULD SUBMIT COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS TO THE ACCEPTING AUTHORITY PRIOR TO SUBMITTING COPIES TO OEQC.

ACCEPTING AUTHORITY: Department of Public Works, County of Maui
ADDRESS: 200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

CONTACT: Dave Wissmar PHONE (808) 243-7869

PROPOSING AGENCY OR APPLICANT: Department of Public Works, County of Maui
ADDRESS: 200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

CONTACT: Dave Wissmar PHONE (808) 243-7869

CONSULTANT: N/A
ADDRESS: 

CONTACT: 

PHONE:

COMMENT LETTERS ADDRESSED TO: AGENCY OR APPLICANT X CONSULTANT

Form # 91-1 (Page 1)
CONDITIONS WHICH TRIGGERED THE EIS LAW, PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO THE PROPOSED ACTION.

- Use of State or County lands or funds
- Use of Conservation Districts Lands
- Use of Shoreline Enacted Area
- Use of Historic Site or District
- Use of lands in the Wetland Special District
- Amendment to a County General Plan
- Reclassification of Conservation Lands
- Construction or modification of heliport facilities
- Other

SUMMARY of the proposed action or project to be published in the OEQC Bulletin. Please submit it as a summary ready for publication. The description should be brief (500 words or less), yet provide sufficient detail to convey the full impact of the proposed action:

The County of Maui Department of Public Works is proposing to install two new above-ground fuel tanks (1,000-gallons each) at the recently constructed Lahaina Public Works Baseyard. The baseyard occupies vacant land on the north end of the existing Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility. The baseyard is not adjacent to any residential, resort, or commercial developments.

The two new fuel tanks are approved by the Maui County Fire Department and all inspections and permits will be obtained from the Fire Department.
AGENCY REPLIES

(Attachments)
TO:  Department of Land & Natural Resources  
Department of Health (Safe Drinking Water Branch)  
Department of Transportation – Highways Division  
Planning Department – County of Maui  
Water Department – County of Maui  
Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC)

SUBJECT:  ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
NEW ABOVE-GROUND FUEL TANKS  
PUBLIC WORKS – LAHAINA BASEYARD

Gentlemen:

Attached is an environmental assessment for new above-ground fuel tanks for the Public Works baseyard in Lahaina. Also attached are the plans, specification and brochures showing the type of tank that will be used.

Please review the attached material and submit comments to our office as soon as practicable. We would like to advertise this project as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If there are any questions call our project engineer, Dave Wissmar, at 243-7869.

Very truly yours,

Melvin Hipolito  
Chief of Field Operations & Maintenance

Attachment *A* not on recycled paper [symbol]
September 17, 1991

Mr. Dave Weissmar  
County of Maui  
Department of Public Works  
1827 Kaohu Street  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Weissmar:

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment for New Above-Ground Fuel Tanks, Lahaina Public Works Baseyard

Thank you for the opportunity to review the subject document. We have no comments to offer.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Brian J. J. Choy  
Director

Attachment B
Mr. Melvin Hipolito  
Chief of Field Operations & Maintenance  
Department of Public Works  
County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  

Dear Mr. Hipolito,

Environmental Assessment, New Above-ground Fuel Tanks  
at Public Works Lahaina Baseyard, TMK: 4-4-01: por. 104

Thank you for your letter of August 26, 1991, requesting our review of the subject environmental assessment.

The proposed project to install above-ground fuel tanks at the Public Works Lahaina Baseyard will not impact our State highway facilities.

Very truly yours,

T. Harano  
Chief  
Highways Division

EDWARD Y. HIRATA  
DIRECTOR  
DEPUTY DIRECTORS  
AL PANG  
JOYCE T. OHIME  
JEANNE K. SCHULTZ  
CALVIN M. TSUDA  
IN REPLY REFER TO:  
HWY-PS 2.8775

REC'D SEP 19 1991  
Attachment "C"
To:       Mel Hipolito, Chief of Field Operations and Maintenance, Department of Public Works
From:    Colleen Suyama, Acting Deputy Director
Subject: Environmental Assessment for the New Above-Ground Fuel Tanks at the DPW Lahaina Baseyard

We have reviewed the abovementioned environmental assessment for the above-ground fuel tanks relative to the Land Use Commission Special Permit for the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Plant and Lahaina Baseyard at Honokowai, Maui (Docket No. 91/SUP-8). We find that the proposed project is consistent with the approved plans for the project dated May 21, 1991. We wish to highlight several conditions of the LUC Special Use Permit:

Condition No. 17 That final architectural, landscape architectural, signage plans, and exterior color schemes for any new construction shall be subject to review of the planning director prior to the submittal of a building or grading permit or the commencement of any new use or operation.

Condition No. 18 That the color scheme of any new buildings shall be of a medium earth tone intensity.

Condition No. 22 That the uses or structures allowed by special use permit shall not be expanded or increased in size or changed to another special use, unless so authorized in the permit.

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment on the environmental assessment. Should you have any questions, please contact Clayton Yoshida of this office.

cc:        Ann Cua
           Clayton Yoshida, AICP
           George Kaya

       REC'D SEP 20 1991
Attachment "D"
TO  
Wailuku, HI 96793

FROM  
COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS
HIGHWAYS DIVISION
1827 KAOUKU STREET
WAILUKU, HI 96793

SUBJECT  
F.A. for New Above Ground Fuel Tanks

DATE  
9/13/91

MESSAGE  

Attached is an environmental assessment for two new fuel tanks for the new public works/yard office in Lahaina (Kahului).

Please review & comment.

SIGNED  
(Dave Wissmar)  
243-889

REPLY  

I have no comments on the above subject matter.

Attachment "E"
TO: Director, Univ of Hawaii  
Environmental Center  
2550 Campus Rd., Crawford 317  
Hono. HI 96822

FROM: COUNTY OF MAUI  
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS  
HIGHWAYS DIVISION  
1827 KAOUHI STREET  
WAILEA, HI 96793

SUBJECT: NEW ABNEGRED FUEL TANKS, PUBLIC WORKS  
DATE: 9/3/91

MESSAGE: BASEYARD, 'LAHAINA

Attached is a draft E.A. for two small fuel tanks at the new Lahaina Baseyard, Honokowai, Maui. The Highways Division was relocated from its old Baseyard in Lahaina Town to the new location in June 1991. Presently we no fueling facilities at the new yard.

Appreciate your comments.

SIGNED: D. Wissmer (D.Wissmer)  
243-7169

REPLY: Specifications call for a steel tank - note that stainless steel described in enclosed literature is rectangular polyethylene - it doesn't meet spec.

Otherwise, no comments - thanks for the opportunity to review.

Attachment - "F"

SIGN: John T. Keira  
DATE: 9/12/91