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Mr. Brian J. J. Choy
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Dear Mr. Choy:

Subject: Kona Hospital

Renovation and Expansion

Attached for your appropriate action are the following:

- 1. Document for Publication in the OEQC Bulletin.
- 2. Four copies of the Negative Declaration.

If there are any questions, please have your staff call Mr. Earl Bethke of the Planning Branch at 586-0484.

Very truly yours,

TEUANE TOMINAGA

State Public Works Engineer

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## NEGATIVE DECLARATION KONA HOSPITAL RENOVATION AND EXPANSION APRIL 20, 1992

- A. <u>PROPOSING AGENCY</u>: Department of Accounting and General Services for the Department of Health.
- B. <u>APPROVING AGENCY</u>: Not applicable.
- C. AGENCY CONSULTED: Department of Health.
- D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS:
  - 1. <u>Technical</u>: This project is to renovate the interior of the present hospital building and to design and construct a new three-story, concrete and masonry administration building on the Kona Hospital site.
  - 2. Economic: The estimated cost of the project is \$12,600,000. Since the project will be constructed within the existing Kona Hospital site, no land will be removed from the tax base.
  - 3. <u>Social</u>: The project will provide the hospital with a much-needed facility to implement its services.
  - 4. Environmental: The project will not create any major environmental impact.
- E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SITE MAPS: The new administration building will be located on the southern portion of the Kona Hospital site (TMK 3rd Division 7-9-13:15). The hospital and the location of the new administration building are shown on the attached Figures 1 and 2.
- F. <u>DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS</u>: The following assessments are made to determine whether or not 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 resources.
  - 2. The proposed action will not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.

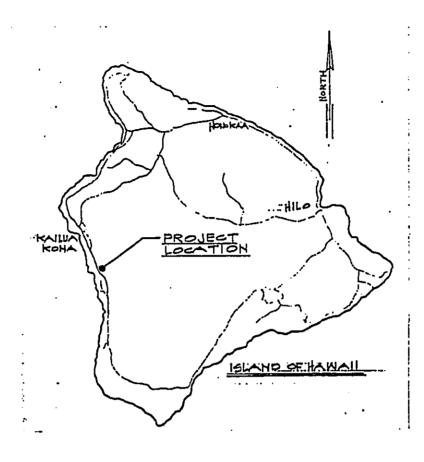
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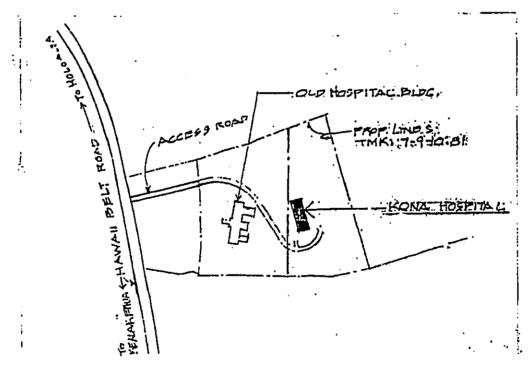
- 3. The proposed action will not conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies.
- The proposed action will not substantially affect the economic or social welfare of the community or State.
- 5. The proposed action will not involve substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.
- The proposed action will not involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality.
- 7. The proposed action 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 action will not detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels.
- 9. The proposed action 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.
- 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, noise and silting during construction.
- H. <u>ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED</u>: The "no action" alternative was considered but deemed to be unacceptable.
- I. <u>PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES</u>: The temporary dust, noise and silting which would occur during construction will be controlled by application of appropriate pollution control measures.
- J. <u>DETERMINATION</u>: It is determined that an Environmental Impact Statement should not be required for this project.

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K. FINDINGS AND REASONS SUPPORTING DETERMINATION: The project site is generally free of flood, tsunami, erosion, and landslide hazards. No rare or endangered species of flora are known to exist at the site. No rare or endangered species of fauna are known to inhabit the site. There are no recorded archaeological or historical sites within the existing site.

For the reasons cited above, the proposed action 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.





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