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Mr. Brian J. J. Choy
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Central Pacific Plaza
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
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Dear Mr. Choy:

Subject: Negative Declaration for Hilo Intermediate School

Industrial Arts Shop and Classroom

TMK 2-3-21:58, Hilo, Hawaii

The Department of Accounting and General Services' (DAGS) Planning Branch did not receive any comments on the draft Environmental Assessment during the 30-day public comment period which began on July 23, 1992. Therefore, DAGS has determined that this project will not have a significant environmental effect and has issued a notice of Negative Declaration. Please publish this notice in the October 23, 1992 OEQC Bulletin.

As required, a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four copies of the final Environmental Assessment are also enclosed.

If there are any questions on this matter, please have your staff call Mr. Michael Shimko at 586-0484.

Very truly yours

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MS:jk Attachments

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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
HILO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
INDUSTRIAL ARTS SHOP AND CLASSROOM
SEPTEMBER 29, 1992

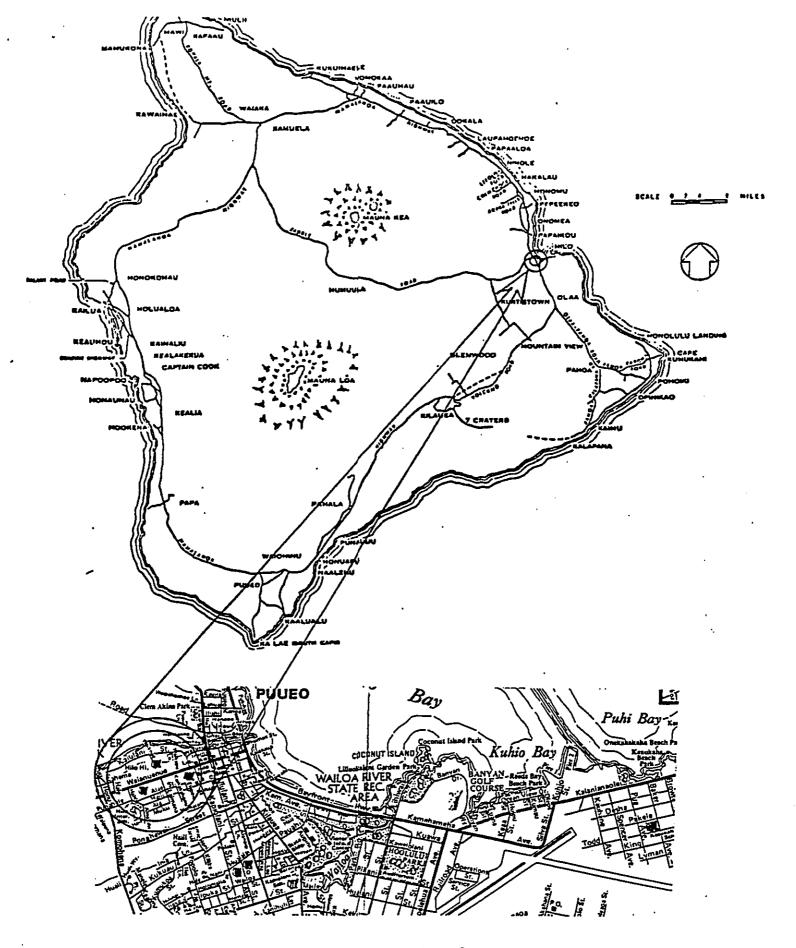
- A. <u>PROPOSING AGENCY</u>: Department of Accounting and General Services for the Department of Education.
- B. APPROVING AGENCY: Not applicable.
- C. AGENCY CONSULTED: Department of Education.
- D. <u>GENERAL DESCRIPTION TECHNICAL</u>, <u>ECONOMIC</u>, <u>SOCIAL AND</u> <u>ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS</u>:
 - 1. <u>Technical</u>: This is to construct a 6,720 square feet, single story, concrete and masonry building consisting of an industrial arts shop and classroom.
 - Economic: The estimated cost of the project is \$1,290,000.00. Since the project will be constructed within the existing school campus, no land will be removed from the tax base.
 - 3. <u>Social</u>: The project will provide the school with a much-needed facility to implement its program in accordance with the Educational Specifications.
 - 4. Environmental: The project will not create any major environmental impact.
- E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SITE MAPS: The school and building locations are shown on Figures 1 and 2, respectively. The building will be constructed on a fully developed campus on the site of a recently demolished shop.
- 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":
 - The proposed action will not involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources.
 - The proposed action will not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.
 - 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.
- The proposed action will not involve substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.
- 6. 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. <u>SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS</u>: From the above assessment, no major adverse environmental impact is anticipated. The project will result in the following minor adverse impacts:
 - 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.



LOCATION MAP

FIGURE 1

NEW DRIVEWAY . WALANUENUE AVENUE -NEW INDUSTRIAL ARTS BUILDING MAIN BUILDING