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APR 30 1993

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
Hilo State Office Building
Emergency Power for Telecommunication System
D.A.G.S. Job No. 11-10-6105
TMK 2-2-14:72

The Department of Accounting and General Services did not receive any comments on the draft Environmental Assessment during the 30-day public comment period which began on March 23, 1993. Therefore, we have determined that this project will not have a significant environmental effect and have issued a notice of Negative Declaration. Please publish this notice in the May 8, 1993, OEQC Bulletin.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four copies of the final EA. If there are any questions, please have your staff call Mr. Wendell Kop of our Project Management Branch at 586-0467.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gordon Matsuoka".
GORDON MATSUOKA
State Public Works Engineer

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1993-05-23-HI-FEA-Hilo State Office Bldg. Emergency
Power for Telecommunications System

MAY 23 1993

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
HILO STATE OFFICE BUILDING
EMERGENCY POWER FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
MAY 2, 1993

- A. PROPOSING AGENCY: Department of Accounting and General Services for the Department of Budget and Finance.
- B. APPROVING AGENCY: Not applicable.
- C. AGENCY CONSULTED: Department of Budget and Finance.
- D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS:
1. This is to install 70 KW emergency generator in the basement and to install 4-124 gallon low pressure gas (propane) fuel tanks aboveground next to the existing building. The tanks will be hidden by the existing hedges.
 2. Economic: The estimated cost of the project is \$135,000. Since the project will be constructed within the existing building area, no land will be removed from the tax base.
 3. Social: This project will provide emergency power for the statewide telecommunications system and make the system operational when the commercial power fails.
 4. Environmental: The project will not create any major environmental impact.
- E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SITE MAPS: The project site is located within the Hilo State Office Building area. The new generator will be installed in the State Office Building basement and the 4-124 gallon low pressure gas (propane) fuel tanks will be installed aboveground next to the existing building. The tanks will be hidden by the existing hedges and cannot be viewed by the public from the street. Proper ventilation and exhaust system for the generator will be included in the project. See Figures 1 and 2.
- F. DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS: 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.
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 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.
10. The proposed action is located in the Special Management Area but is consistent with its policies and will not adversely affect the environment nor the ecology.

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. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: The "no action" alternative was considered but deemed to be unacceptable.

I. PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES: The temporary dust, noise and silting which would occur during construction and installation will be controlled by application of appropriate pollution control measures.

J. DETERMINATION: It is determined that an Environmental Impact Statement should not be required for this project.

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.

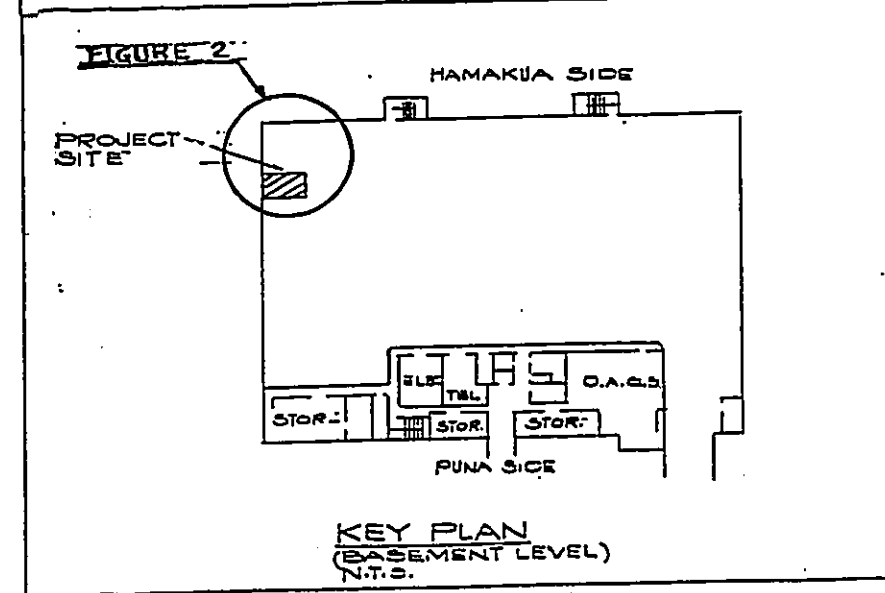
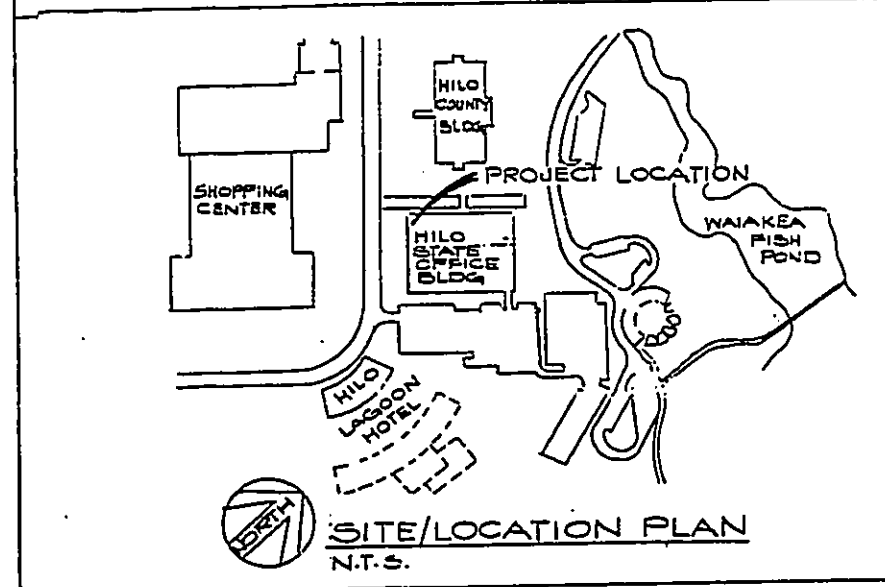
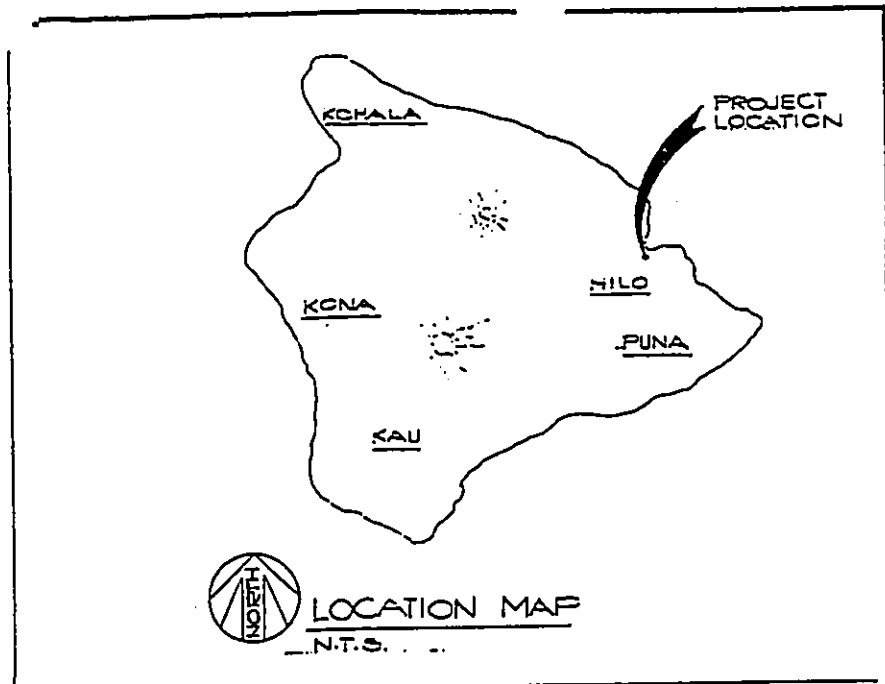


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