To:       Brian J. J. Choy, Director  
          Office of Environmental Quality Control  

From:    Keith W. Ahue, Chairperson  
          Board of Land and Natural Resources  

Subject: Negative Declaration for Administration Building  
         Expansion at Keiki Boat Harbor, Oahu  
         Job H. C. 2298

May 25, 1993

In accordance with Act 241, SLH 1992, we have completed the  
formal environmental assessment (EA) 30-day review period for the  
subject project. No comments were received from the public, and  
we have determined that the project will not have a significant  
impact on the environment. Based on the foregoing, we are filing  
a Negative Declaration.

Enclosed are the original and four copies of the Negative  
Declaration and a completed OEQC Form for publication in the OEQC  
Bulletin.

This project is under the jurisdiction of DLNR Division of  
Boating and Ocean Recreation, however, its design is being  
managed by the proposing agency, DOT Harbors Division.

Should you have any question, please contact Vernon Nakamura of  
the DOT Harbors Division at 587-1958.

Encs.  Negative Declaration  
       OEQC Publication Form
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING EXPANSION
AT KEEHI BOAT HARBOUR, OAHU
JOB H. C. 2298

A. APPLICANT
Harbors Division, Department of Transportation

B. APPROVING AGENCY
Department of Land and Natural Resources

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED
The Keehi Boating Advisory Committee, boating and
fishing clubs, Boating and Ocean Recreation
administration staff, and other boaters who utilize the
harbor facility support the proposed project.

The proposed project will be coordinated with the
Department of Utilization and an SMA permit will be
secured as required.

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION'S CHARACTERISTICS

1. Technical (See attached map)

   The proposed project consists of expansion of the
   existing administration building. The
   improvements include a conference room and office
   space totaling approximately 1500 square feet for
   new employees.

   There will be no dredging for this project.

2. Economic - Social

   Keehi Boat Harbor is located on the south shore of
   Oahu between downtown Honolulu and Honolulu
   International Airport and is a popular boating
   facility in Hawaii. The popularity of the area is
   due to its quiet waters and proximity to a large
   section of Honolulu's population. The harbor is
   constructed on coral fill and has two boat
   launching ramps, wooden loading docks, piers and
   catwalks, boat washdown areas, restrooms, secured
   showers and recreational pavilion. There are two
   roads which lead to this facility, a paved
internal roadway which parallels the shoreline, a small landscaped parcel, and paved parking areas. The additional office space will accommodate present and future increases in personnel required to provide the necessary services to users of the harbor facilities. The conference room will serve as a place for informational and advisory meetings, water safety and other related classes, public hearings, and as meeting room for boating and fishing clubs and harbor residents.

3. Environmental

The proposed administration building expansion will be constructed onshore, approximately 100 feet from the shoreline. It will not endanger any marine or other wildlife in the area.

The proposed project will not significantly change or disrupt the present use of the area.

E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The project site is located in Keahi Boat Harbor onshore on the Island of Oahu as shown on the attached location map, (see attached drawings). The site does not contain any historical or archeological sites. No endangered wildlife lives in the area.

F. DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Evaluation of the effects of the proposed project on the environment indicate that there will be no significant adverse effects on the environment. The proposed project will not:

1. Generate controversy;
2. Alter the existing topography of the land or character of its use;
3. Cause the displacement of any person;
4. Affect any rare, threatened, or endangered species of animals, plants, or habitats;
5. Involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources, except for the labor and materials related to the construction of this project;

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6. Curtail the beneficial uses of the environment;

7. Conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies, goals, or guidelines, and;

8. Degrade the environmental quality.

Rather, the implementation of this project will have a beneficial effect on the general public and its environment by providing a facility that can better serve the users of the harbor making it a more enjoyable source of recreation.

G. IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

During the construction of the project, there will be a temporary increase in noise, dust and internal combustion engine emissions. However, these impacts will be minimal and intermittent in nature. Emissions from internal combustion engines will be readily dissipated in the open area.

Estimated construction time is 100 working days.

The alternative to the proposed project is no action. No action will result in inefficient and inadequate office spaces for employees.

H. MITIGATION MEASURES

Provisions will be made in the project specifications to control and minimize the temporary adverse effects of the construction.

I. DETERMINATION

Since no major or significant adverse impacts are anticipated, costly detailed studies were considered inappropriate. Consequently, a determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

J. REASONS

The reasons supporting the "no EIS" determination are outlined in sections F and G of this Negative Declaration. Any adverse environmental impact resulting from this project has been determined temporary and insignificant. Past experience has shown that this type of construction within an established
boating facility has no significant effect on the environment, both short and long term.

Keith Ahue, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

Attachments