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July 28, 1993

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

Dear Mr. Choy:

Subject: Negative Declaration for Hamakua
Agricultural Park, Phase I

The Department of Agriculture has reviewed the single comment received during the 30-day public comment period which began on June 23, 1993. The Department of Agriculture has determined that this project will not have significant environmental effect and has issued a negative declaration. Please publish this notice in the next OEQC Bulletin.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four copies of the final EA for your files. Please contact Paul T. Matsuo at 973-9473 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,


YUKIO KITAGAWA
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

Attachments

c: ARM Div.



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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Hamakua Agricultural Park, Phase I

1. Identification of proposing agency:

Department of Agriculture
1428 South King Street
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2. Identification of approving agency:

Governor
State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
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3. Brief description of proposed action:

The Department of Agriculture will acquire through a bankruptcy settlement title to Hamakua Sugar Company's interests in the existing Big Island Meat Division's slaughterhouse and feedlot facilities. The Department proposes to issue a revocable permit to Hawaii Beef Packers, Inc., for continued operation of the slaughterhouse on an interim basis until the Department can complete development planning for the entire 509-acre parcel obtained in the bankruptcy settlement.

4. The proposed action will have no major adverse impact on the environment nor the community. A negative declaration is made for this proposed action by the Department.

5. Reasons supporting the determination:

The proposed action will resume an ongoing operation which had previously met all environmental, health and community concerns. The proposed action will in effect reduce the volume of animal waste/wastewater by not resuming feedlot operations and keeping animal kills to a fraction of the former operations.

6. Contact person for further information:

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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR
ISSUANCE OF A REVOCABLE PERMIT FOR
CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE EXISTING
BIG ISLAND MEAT DIVISION FACILITY
AS
PHASE I, HAMAKUA AGRICULTURAL PARK

District: Hamakua, Hawaii
TMK: 4-3-05: por. 2
3rd Division

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CONSULTED AGENCIES:

State agencies:

Department of Accounting and General Services
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
Department of Defense
Department of Education
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Department of Land and Natural Resources
State Historic Preservation Division, Department of Land and Natural
Resources
Department of Health
Department of Health, Environmental Management Division
Department of Transportation
Office of State Planning
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
University of Hawaii, Water Resources Research Center
University of Hawaii, Environmental Center

Federal agencies:

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division
U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Services
U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service
U.S. Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service
U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration

County of Hawaii agencies:

Planning Department
Department of Public Works
Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of Research and Development
Department of Water Supply

Others:

American Lung Association
Hawaii Audubon Society

I. PROPOSED ACTION

The action which triggered this assessment is the use of State lands. The State acquired through bankruptcy settlement title to Hamakua Sugar Company's interests in the existing Big Island Meat Division's slaughterhouse and feedlot operation. The settlement conveys a 509-acre parcel to the Department to extinguish a \$10 million mortgage. The slaughterhouse and feedlot are situated within this 509-acre parcel. This settlement is subject to the bankruptcy court's approval, which is expected on June 8, 1993. The actual operation will be conducted by the Hawaii Beef Packers, Inc., which will be issued a revocable permit by the Board of Agriculture to continue the existing slaughterhouse operation. The following are the assets of Big Island Meat Division involved in the bankruptcy settlement:

- (1) Hamakua Sugar Company land consisting of approximately 90 acres situated at Paauilo district of Hamakua, Tax Map Key (3rd Division) 4-3-05: por. 2.
- (2) All existing improvements which were in operating condition on March 31, 1993, consisting of 3 steel buildings, 8 earthen ponds, asphalt pavement and cattle holding pens, together with infrastructure improvements such as water lines, power lines, fencing, etc.
- (3) All equipment used in existing slaughtering, meat processing, rendering, waste management and related operations.
- (4) Any and all current permits and clearances issued to Hamakua Sugar Company in relation to the slaughterhouse ownership and operation, including but not limited to County SMA's, PDR's, meat inspection stamp and others.

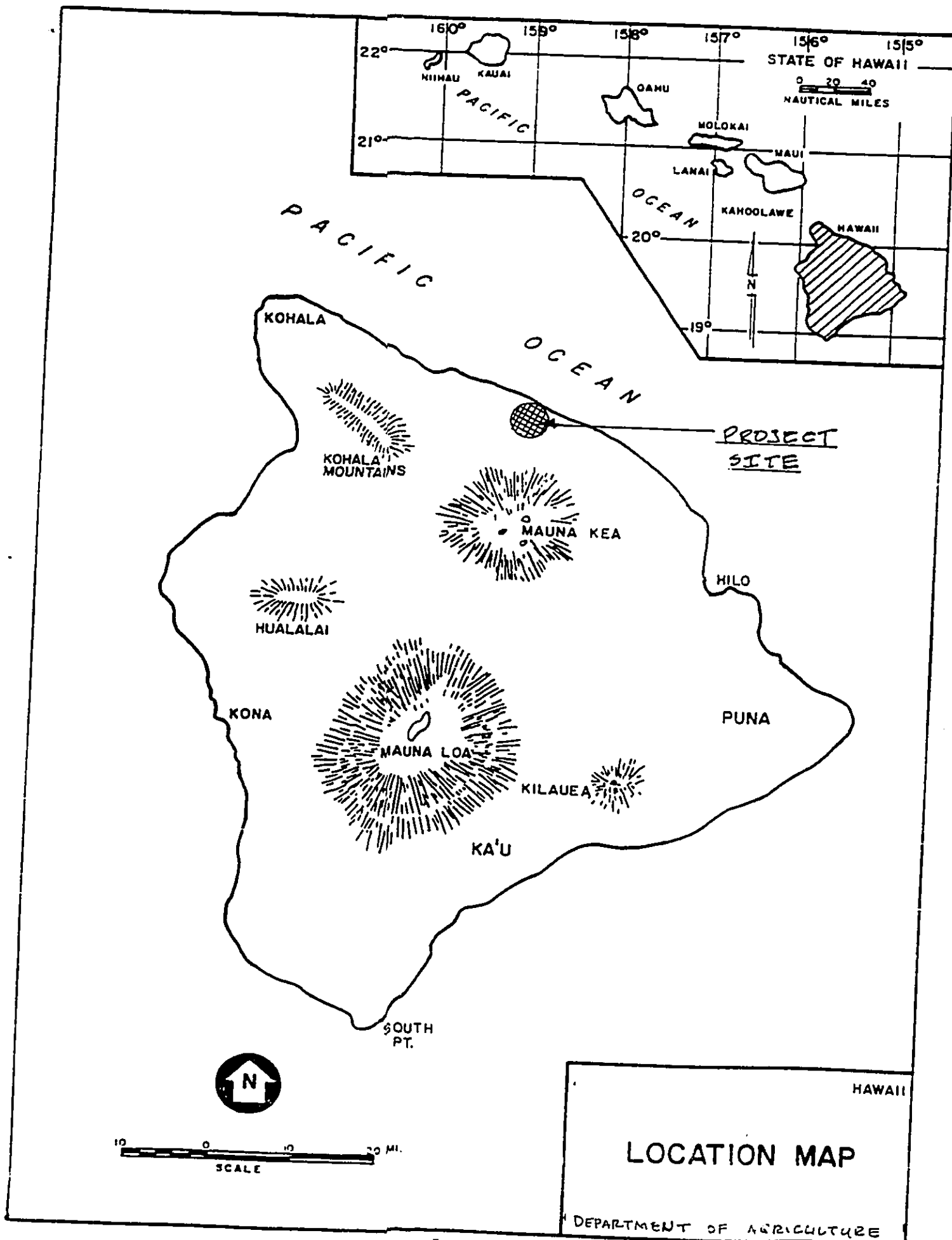
II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A. Technical

Hamakua Sugar Company's decision to shut down its entire operation on March 31, 1993, caused the suspension of its Big Island Meat Division's slaughterhouse and feedlot operation at Paauilo. The Department, to safeguard the public interest, decided to maintain Big Island Meat's slaughtering operations. As the Department is not equipped to operate a slaughterhouse, it issued a revocable permit for the continuation of the slaughtering operation by Hawaii Beef Packers, Inc., which agreed to keep the facility operating during the interim period until the Department completes future plans for the parcel. The revocable permit will be to continue the slaughter operation, with the feedlot serving only as a holding site and not to be stocked for finishing. Present plans indicate that the number of animals processed through the slaughterhouse will not exceed 800 per month.

B. Socio-Economic

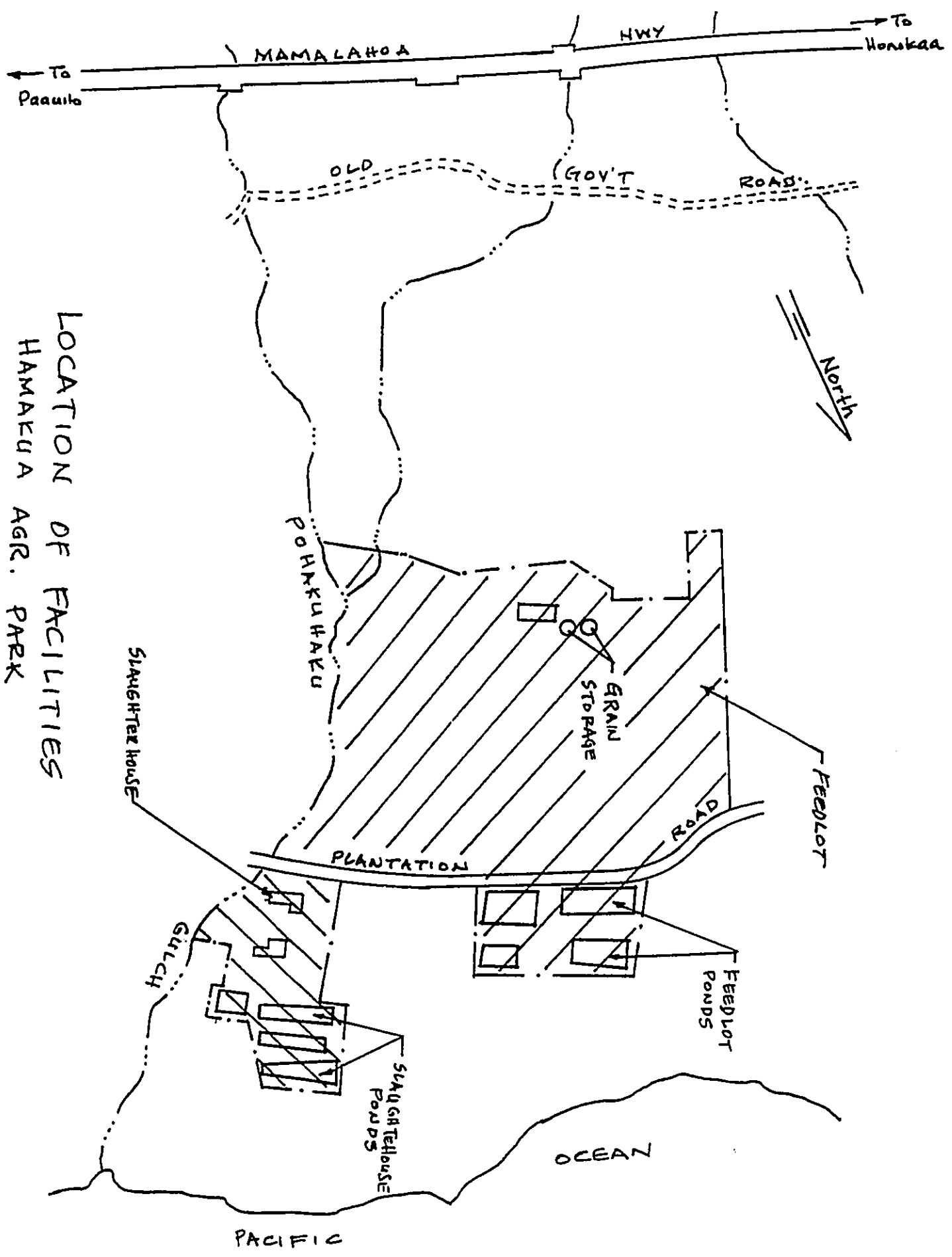
- (1) Impact to Local Employment. This operation will employ up to 14 jobs of those scheduled to be laid off due to Hamakua Sugar Company's shutdown. Further, it will provide business to firms involved with the island's ranching industry. This will help to keep the local economy from completely closing down in this region. The continued slaughtering operations will save at least 3 to 4 specially trained employees who otherwise would be lost or programmed into other available vocations.
- (2) Impact to Island Ranching Industry. Although there are other slaughterhouse operations on the island, they are small and could not handle the excess capacity created by a complete



closedown of this facility. Local ranchers and back-yard pasture animals will need to be shipped off-island, resulting in additional expense and less return to the ranchers.

Recent statistics compiled by the Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service indicate that of the State's 900 existing cattle operations, 460 are located on the island of Hawaii; and also, of the State's 450 hog operations, 70 are located on the island. Further, figures show the total sale value received from cattle in the State is \$33 million, of which \$27 million is generated from the island of Hawaii. Cattle industry revenue is ranked 4th of diversified agriculture value and makes up 12% of total agriculture value. These statistics show that the ranching industry on the Island is an important and critical part of its economy.

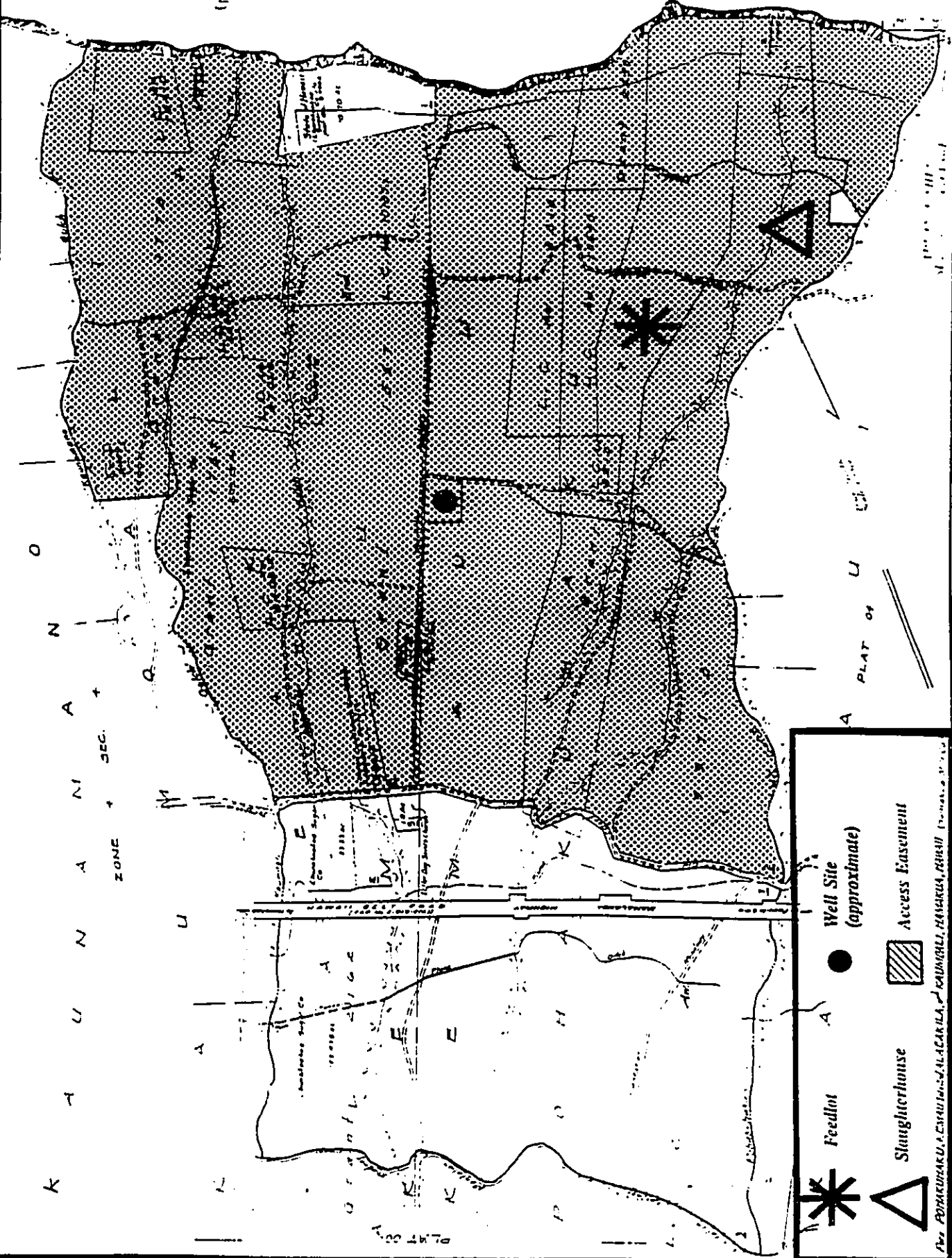
- (3) Impact to Local Community. Due to the shutdown of sugarcane operations, the region will experience less traffic movement, more security problems, greater fire hazards and other problems associated with vacancy and non-use of the existing facilities. This operation will help alleviate this by providing 24-hour activity, occupancy at the site, and traffic activity within the surrounding roadways and region. This region is so sparsely populated that odors and sounds normally associated with this type of activity will not be a factor.
- (4) Impact to Existing Infrastructure. As this facility is in place and has been an ongoing, viable operation, there would be no new improvements required. The existing facility is in conformance with County, State and Federal rules and regulations; and, as the action is only a continuation of an existing operation, no new permits or clearances will be needed. Presently, the facility is served with electricity







LOCATION OF FACILITIES
HAMAKUA AGR. PARK

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NTS

SETTLEMENT AREA = 509.13 ACRES



	Feedlot		Well Site (approximate)
	Slaughterhouse		Access Easement

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from the Hawaii Electric Light Co.'s power generation plant at Hamakua; water is provided via an underground well on site through a pump and tank system which is approved as a potable water supply. Waste resulting from the slaughtering operations is presently handled on-site with the rendering plant and eight earthen waste storage ponds. There are four ponds to handle feedlot and another four ponds to handle slaughterhouse and rendering plant liquid waste. There will be no new or additional infrastructure improvements for this proposed action.

C. Environmental Characteristics

Several on-site visits were made to assess the operations and the environment, and to conduct field investigations on the waste management, hazardous waste and traffic conditions.

Waste management is provided by four earthen unlined ponds. These ponds are fed directly from the plants by gravity and basically handle liquids, as all solids are screened or removed to the rendering plant. The ponds are outside of the UIC zone and water levels kept from overflow with a pumping scheme which distributes the effluent to surrounding sugar lands.

Hazardous waste is not a by-product from this operation. Very little waste is generated from the animals as all bones, fat, internal organs and animal parts are rendered into bone meal, hides are cured and sold intact and any other remaining organic material is mixed into the tallow portion of the rendering operation.

Summary Description of the Affected Environment:

- (1) Topography. The slaughterhouse site is situated on former sugarcane cultivated lands. There are no streams or gulches

within or near the site, and the nearest gulch is Pohakuhaku Gulch, which is on the Hilo side and approximately 500 feet from the boundary. A paved cane-haul roadway provides access from Mamalahoa Highway, and power poles are also located within the road right-of-way. Land slope is approximately between 10 to 20 per cent and has been graded, paved and fenced to accommodate the slaughterhouse facilities.

- (2) Soils and Climate. The site is approximately a half mile from the sea cliffs and receives approximately 74 inches of rainfall per year. Wind patterns are influenced by land/sea heating process (ocean breezes at night and land breezes during daylight). The soils consist of well-drained silty clay loams composed of Ookala and Paauhau soil classification. ALISH classifies this site as "other important" agricultural lands applicable to machine tilling, well-drained and non-stony. Its productivity potential for orchard and grazing uses is rated good to fair. Hamakua Sugar Company withdrew this site from sugarcane cultivation due to its unsuitability to mechanization and established a feedlot and slaughterhouse operation in 1986. Flooding hazard and erosion from the site is controlled with the existing waste management ponds, but the majority of storm flows are absorbed into the ground; and little runoff has been experienced at the slaughterhouse site. The open areas in and around the buildings are paved, and the waste management pond area is covered with local variety of californian grass (*Brachiaria mutica*), which is the prevailing foliage cover of the region.
- (3) Flora and Fauna. The site has been cleared of sugarcane and has been graded, terraced and developed, small clumps of guinea grass (*Panicum maximum*) were seen growing throughout the site.

The waste management pond consists of earthen embankment with california grass-covered slopes. The ponds have been stocked with introduced water hyacinths to assist in the treatment of accumulated wastewater, but the majority of the water is evaporated. During rainy periods, pumping maintains pond water level. Indigenous birds common to the region utilize the pond area for feeding and roosting; basically observed was ring-necked doves and mynah birds. The site has no gulches or drainageways for small animals to inhabit, and there are no trees within the site. Ironwood trees (Casuarina spp) line the boundaries of the gulches and sea cliffs. These trees range from 10 to 30 feet in height and in some instances serve as windbreaks. None of the plants observed on the site are endemic. There are no sensitive habitats or bodies of water on the site. Land title research indicates that this site was cultivated with sugarcane since around 1898.

- (4) Historical or archaeological and cultural sites. The land has been in sugarcane cultivation since the early part of the century and subsequently has been cleared, grubbed and graded. There are no sites that would indicate archaeological or cultural uses, and if there were, they would probably have been preserved during previous grading operations. There are no residents or any urban type activity in the general vicinity of this site. All and any urban activity occurs along the Mamalahoa Highway and the Old Territorial Government Road, both of which do not access this facility. There are no caves nor any rock walls or platforms visible on the site. The site is secured with a 6-foot steel chain-link fence which was put in to contain animals which may escape during normal operations. Old-time residents indicate that this site was used for pasture previously at intermittent periods. The Lower Hamakua Ditch

has capability to service this area with irrigation water and, at some point in the past, was connected through a system of ditches, none of which now remain. An old cane-hauling railroad right-of-way is shown on tax maps, but field inspection does not find any trace of the railroad beds anywhere on this site. Long-time residents indicate the rail cars were abandoned in the 1940's when the plantation began to utilize mechanized trucks and constructed a new system of cane-hauling roads, which was a more efficient and cost-effective method of transporting harvested cane to the mill. Land title research reveals that the land was obtained directly from Hawaiian families who were the original inhabitants as indicated by Royal Patent numbers and Land Commission numbers assigned to the titles.

III. IDENTIFICATION AND SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS

A. Slaughtering Operations

Site visit and discussion of the animal kill method do not identify any major impacts to the environment. This slaughterhouse operation is an ongoing process which has existed on the site since 1986 (approximately 6 years). There are no complaints recorded with any government agencies. Odor and insect problems are not a problem for the following reasons:

- (1) The plant is inspected to meet Federal meat regulations;
- (2) The facility comes under the purview of the Department of Agriculture because of sale of a perishable beef commodity and must meet USDA health standards for food processing plants; and

(3) Odors do not emit outside of the site boundaries because all waste and animal remains are rendered within 48 hours; also, there are no residents in the vicinity who may detect any odors. The number of animal kills is not anticipated to exceed 800 a month, which is insufficient to cause odor problems.

B. Waste Management

Under normal operating conditions, the slaughterhouse has an animal kill capacity of 400 animals per week. Under this revocable permit, Hawaii Beef Packers may have 200 animal kills per week at a maximum. It is not expected that this kill rate will be exceeded more than a few times over the permit period. There are several reasons for this limited kill capacity: (1) the feedlot, which normally holds 6,500 animals, will not be operational; (2) this is an interim operation pending the Department's development of a plan for use of the entire 500-acre parcel; (3) the operation is intended to maintain the cattle industry's minimum requirements; and (4) the anticipated animals becoming available for slaughter is a known quantity. The number of culled and bull animals on the island is estimated by the Department to be approximately 4,000 and together with normal backyard operations would not exceed 6,000 total animals from the island that may be slaughtered during the entire year. The animal waste generated with this reduced capacity would be well within the capacity of the existing waste management facilities. It is estimated that for each animal killed, there will be approximately 650 gallons of wastewater generated. Hence, it is anticipated that there would be no major impacts from waste management, since during normal capacity operations no complaints were registered and the plant met Federal, State, and County regulations; so when the capacity is one-half or less than normal, the waste system would be able to handle the generated waste without overtaxing its design capability.

C. Surrounding Environment and Community

The proposed action will not cause major impacts due to the fact that this is an operation that has been ongoing since 1986. All of the buildings, equipment, ponds, pavings and other related appurtenant works are constructed and have been in place for at least six years. Any historical, archaeological and cultural sites would either have been preserved or, in the worst case, would be beyond recovery, due to mechanical disturbances from sugar cane cultivation. The site does not contain sensitive habitats nor bodies of water or any aesthetic views that are of any significance. Any flora or fauna would have been displaced when the area was heavily cultivated in sugarcane and would not have survived the many clearing, grubbing and grading cycles which have occurred since 1898. Based on these facts, there should be no major impacts by the continued operation of the slaughterhouse for this interim period.

IV. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

A. Move the Slaughterhouse

This solution was unacceptable as economically infeasible and would probably cause more environmental concerns. The time, effort and funds that would be required to accomplish this alternative would not be in the public interest. The time required to locate a new site, the funds to construct new facilities and the effort to obtain environmental clearance are prohibitive.

B. Have Other Existing Slaughterhouses Handle Increased Animal Kills

An informal survey by the Department and the ranching industry indicates that the three existing slaughterhouses cannot handle any

increases as they were refusing to accept any animals during certain periods of heavy animal kills.

C. No Action

This was not a viable alternative; combined with the Hamakua shutdown, this would precipitate economic doom to the region. Any economic activity, no matter how small, will keep the region afloat until a more acceptable solution can be put in place. This action is only a stop-gap measure to help prevent total collapse, which is a central (state) government's responsibility and which the Department feels it is meeting through this proposed action.

V. PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

There are no anticipated impacts as a result of this action, so there will be no mitigation measures required.

VI. DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing discussion, it is determined that there are no major impacts from this proposed action. The proposed action of issuance of a revocable permit for the operation of a slaughterhouse will not adversely affect the environment nor the community. The proposed action is a continuation of an existing, ongoing, viable enterprise which has met all the necessary regulations and environmental clearances. A negative declaration is therefore recommended by the Department.

VII. RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM CONSULTED AGENCIES

(Attached in back with Department's response where required.)

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February 18, 1993

TO: Department of Defense

SUBJECT: PRE-ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT -
HAMAKUA AGRICULTURAL PARK, PAAUILO, COUNTY OF HAWAII

The Department of Agriculture will acquire a license to manage the existing Big Island Meat slaughterhouse and feedlot for the interim period between February 1993 until the foreclosure settlement, expected to be in June 1993.

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Presently, negotiations are under way to settle the Hamakua Sugar Company bankruptcy and loan foreclosure, and it is imminent that the State will obtain, among other assets and property, this slaughterhouse and feedlot as part of a 500-acre parcel of land. This action will be to keep the slaughterhouse operating until the litigation settlement is completed. A more detailed EIS will be prepared for the 500-acre parcel, as the Department of Agriculture plans to convert the area into an agricultural park and to include the existing slaughterhouse-feedlot in the overall agricultural park.

Please submit any concerns or comments to:

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Chairperson, Board of Agriculture



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STATE OF HAWAII
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February 24, 1993

Engineering Office

Mr. Yukio Kitagawa
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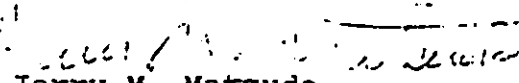
Dear Mr. Kitagawa:

Subject: Pre-Assessment Consultation for Environmental
Assessment - Hamakua Agricultural Park, Paauilo, County of Hawaii

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to review the above
mentioned environmental assessment.

We have no comments to offer at this time regarding the project.

Sincerely,


Jerry M. Matsuda
Lieutenant Colonel
Hawaii Air National Guard
Contacting and Engineering Officer



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TO: Department of Transportation

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February 25, 1993

TO: The Honorable Yukio Kitagawa, Chairperson
Board of Agriculture

FROM: Rex D. Johnson *R.D.J.*
Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: PRE-ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT - HAMAKUA AGRICULTURAL PARK
PAAULO, COUNTY OF HAWAII

We have no objections on your department's proposal to acquire a license to manage the existing Big Island Meat slaughterhouse and feedlot for an interim period until June 1993. However, we would be interested in reviewing the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed 500-acre agricultural park which includes the existing slaughterhouse and feedlot.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.

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TO: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

SUBJECT: PRE-ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT -
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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
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March 2, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Yukio Kitagawa, Chairperson
Board of Agriculture

ATTENTION: Agricultural Resource Management Division

FROM: Hoaliku L. Drake, Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission *Hoaliku L. Drake*

SUBJECT: Pre-Assessment Consultation for Environmental Assessment on
Hamakua Agricultural Park

Thank you for the opportunity to consult on the environmental assessment for managing the Big Island Meat slaughterhouse. We understand that your department will acquire a license to manage it until a foreclosure settlement is reached. We also understand that your department expects to acquire additional acreage to be developed into a larger agricultural park incorporating the Hawaii Beef Packers operation.

Continued operation of the slaughterhouse is important for Hawaiian home land lessees in the Puukapu-Nienie area, where approximately 17,300 acres are devoted to ranching. We would encourage your department's role as a way to extend our cooperation in the Waimea Irrigation System, which will be providing more drought-proof stockwater for those ranchers. In the expectation that market conditions favor grass-fed beef, it is important to maintain a local capability for processing the local herds.

The location of the ag park about four miles toward Hilo from Honokaa means that it will not otherwise affect operations on Hawaiian home lands. As the later development of crop acreage will use water from the Lower Hamakua Ditch, we do not foresee any conflicts or adverse impacts on our water needs.

The obvious difficulties of wastewater management would be mediated by interagency cooperation with the Department of Health, and provide experience for proposed livestock operations on O'ahu.

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TO: Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
State Energy Office

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March 4, 1993

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Yukio Kitagawa, Director
 Department of Agriculture

FROM: Maurice H. Kaya
 Energy Program Administrator

SUBJECT: Pre-Assessment Consultation for Environmental Assessment -
 Hamakua Agricultural Park, Paauilo, County of Hawaii

We wish to inform you that we have no comments to offer on the subject Pre-Assessment Consultation for Environmental Assessment (PCEA).

Thank you for the opportunity to submit any concerns or comments.


(for Maurice Kaya)

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February 18, 1993

TO: Department of Land and Natural Resources
State Historic Preservation Division

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MEMORANDUM

To: Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Resource Management Division
1428 South King Street
Honolulu Hawaii 96814-2512

From: *Don Hubbard*
Don Hubbard, Administrator
State Historic Preservation Division

Subject: License to Manage the Existing Big Island Meat
Slaughterhouse and Feedlot
Hamakua, Hawaii

Thank you for your 18 February 1993 memo requesting comments or concerns for the proposed project. We believe the continued use will have 'no effect' on the historic character of the site. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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TO: Dept. of Accounting and General Services

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Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Resource Management Division
1426 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-2512

Gentlemen:

Subject: Hamakua Agricultural Park
Paauilo, Hawaii
Pre-Assessment Consultation for
Environmental Assessment

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

If there are any questions, please have your staff contact Mr. Ralph Yukumoto of the Public Works Division at 536-0488.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Takushi".

ROBERT P. TAKUSHI
State Comptroller

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Environmental Management Division

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ADIV. Please refer to:
EMD / SDWB

March 30, 1993

Mr. Yukio Kitagawa
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Resource Management Division
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Dear Mr. Kitagawa:

SUBJECT: HAMAKUA AGRICULTURAL PARK AND BIG ISLAND MEAT WATER SYSTEM
(PWS ID 157)

This letter is written in response to your request of February 18, 1993, for comments on the Hamakua Agricultural Park. The Department of Health, Safe Drinking Water Branch (SDWB), was informed of the closure of the Big Island Meat water system #157 in a letter from Hamakua Sugar Company dated February 25, 1993. The SDWB responded to Hamakua Sugar that we should be informed if the water system were ever put back into use again (see enclosure).

The Big Island Meat water system was regulated as a Public Water System under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 20, Potable Water Systems. Microbiological drinking water samples were collected monthly by Hamakua Sugar Company personnel and analyzed by the Department of Health laboratory. Chemical samples were collected by Department of Health personnel.

Please inform us if the water system will be put back into operation. We will need to know immediately the name of the person responsible for operating the water system in order to coordinate the water quality sampling. Please call Glenn Tomori (Hilo) at 933-4552 or Ann Zane (Honolulu) at 586-4258 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

William Wong
WILLIAM WONG, P.E., Chief
Safe Drinking Water Branch
Environmental Management Division

c: Glenn Tomori, SDWB, East Hawaii

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March 11, 1993

Mr. David F. Morgan
Vice President and General Manager
Hamakua Sugar Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 250
Paauilo, Hawaii 96776

Dear Mr. Morgan:

SUBJECT: BIG ISLAND MEAT WATER SYSTEM #157 CLOSURE

The Department of Health (DOH) has received your letter of February 25, 1993, informing us that Big Island Meat ceased operations as of January 31, 1993, and water system #157 is no longer in use. We acknowledge the closure and request that you inform us if the water system is brought back into operation.

If you have questions, please call Ann Zane of the Safe Drinking Water Branch at 586-4258, or you may call toll-free from the neighbor islands at 1-800-468-4644, ext. 64258.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM WONG, P.E., Chief
Safe Drinking Water Branch
Environmental Management Division

c: Glenn Tomori

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June 7, 1993

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Ref: EMD/SDWB

TO: Mr. William Wong, P.E., Chief
Safe Drinking Water Branch, EMD
Department of Health

FROM: *PTM* Paul T. Matsuo, Administrator
Agricultural Resource Management Division

SUBJECT: Response to Comments on Hamakua Agricultural Park

We acknowledge receipt of your response. The ARM Division is presently working with Hawaii Beef Packers, Inc., to start up suspended operations at the Big Island Meat slaughterhouse.

Settlement of the Hamakua Sugar bankruptcy litigation now seems imminent, and the slaughterhouse-feedlot will be deeded to the Department of Agriculture to extinguish our mortgage with Hamakua.

We will inform you as soon as we are able to determine the personnel that will be managing the slaughterhouse operation.

Should there be any further questions, please feel free to call me at 973-9473.

c: Bill Pendered, Land Agent
Yukio Kitagawa, Chairperson



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In reply, please refer to:

May 5, 1993

93-052/epo

To: The Honorable Yukio Kitagawa, Chairperson
Board of Agriculture

From: John C. Lewin, M.D. *John C. Lewin*
Director of Health

Subject: Pre-Assessment Consultation for Environmental Assessment
Hamakua Agricultural Park, Paauilo, County of Hawaii
500 acre parcel

Thank you for allowing us to review and comment on the subject request.

Your letter of February 18, 1993 is requesting comments on the existing slaughterhouse operation before preparing an environmental assessment. You have already received comments (letter dated March 30, 1993) directly from Mr. William Wong, Chief of our Safe Drinking Water Branch. We are offering additional comments at this time.

Wastewater

Without the details of current domestic and animal wastewater treatment and disposal systems, our office cannot give an adequate assessment of the subject project. However, we do have the following general comments to offer:

1. The subject project is located above the Underground Injection Control (UIC) Line and within a non-critical wastewater disposal area as determined by the Hawaii County Wastewater Advisory Committee. Constructing or expanding waste/wastewater disposal systems are restricted and require approval from the Department of Health.
2. We are in the process of developing wastewater sludge (beneficial use and reuse) guidelines, animal waste management guidelines, wastewater effluent reuse guidelines and associated programs. As these regulations and guidelines are developed, present requirements may be changed as deemed necessary.
3. In reviewing the project, the Wastewater Branch will recommend approval of a slaughterhouse operation as long as both domestic and animal wastewater is treated and disposed of according to our Department of Health's (DOH) Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-62, "Wastewater Systems."

The Honorable Yokio Kitagawa
May 5, 1993
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We appreciate your efforts to keep us informed of changes and plans concerning Big Island Meat slaughterhouse, feed lot, and other associated aspects of an agricultural park. We support Hamakua's Agricultural Park concept, however, we do reserve the right to review the detailed wastewater and wastewater sludge management plans for conformance to applicable rules and guidelines.

Our goal in the near future is to formally extend DOH's services to include agricultural activities. Revisions to rules will be implemented as determined appropriate through documented information. The details of our upcoming program and its implementation are largely dependent on available personnel and budget constraints. We invite you to actively participate in the development and enforcement of our environmental management responsibilities.

If you should have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Dennis Tulang, Chief of our Wastewater Branch at 586-4294.

Water Pollution

The Department of Health exempted the Hamakua Feedlot from NPDES permit requirements in 1986. However, the Department would like to review the Environmental Assessment to determine if the exemptions are still appropriate for the Hamakua Agricultural Park.

If you should have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Devender Narala of the Clean Water Branch at 586-4309.

c: Wastewater Branch
Clean Water Branch

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July 28, 1993

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Ref: 93-052/epo

TO: Dr. John C. Lewin
Director of Health

FROM: Yukio Kitagawa, Chairperson
Board of Agriculture *Yukio Kitagawa*

SUBJECT: Response to Comments on Draft Environmental Assessment
Hamakua Agricultural Park, Paauilo, Hawaii

We have already responded to Mr. William Wong's letter of March 30, 1993 (copy of our letter attached) and would like to respond to the comments made in your May 5, 1993 letter, in the same order presented:

Wastewater

1. The subject project will not generate any new or expanded waste or wastewater. Our operations will be concentrated on slaughtering. The feedlot will not be used in the capacity that Big Island Meat Division did in their operations. We anticipate very minimal animal boarding and for very short periods. Therefore, we do not expect any increase of waste or wastewater volume over the quantity previously approved by your Department for Big Island Meat's operations.

At the slaughterhouse, the number of animal kills will be drastically reduced from that of Big Island Meat's. Discussions with the permittee and island ranchers indicate that there will be 100 animal kills a week; but during certain periods, there may be none at all because of lack of culled animals (old bulls,



Dr. John C. Lewin
July 28, 1993
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non-productive dairy cows, etc.). It is anticipated that over the permit period of 12-14 months, only 4,000 animals may be available, plus another 300-400 from back-yard ranchers. With such volume of animal kills, the four existing wastewater ponds will not be overtaxed and should be able to handle the load as was previously approved by DOH for Big Island Meat's operations, where their animal kills were several times this amount.

Again, we want to emphasize that our Department (DOA) will not make any additions to increase the size of the facility. When the title transfer is finalized and long-range planning for the entire 509-acre parcel is completed, a new environmental assessment and probably an EIS will be written. This permit is only for the 12-14 month interim period.

2. The DOA applauds your efforts and is also an active participant in the establishment of these guidelines. We will abide by any interim changes which may result from the adoption of any of these guidelines. We request that some compliance time be allowed, especially for those changes requiring funding, as such funding requests must move through the legislative approval process.
3. The slaughterhouse facility, when it was being operated by Big Island Meat, was in conformance with DOH's Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-62. Since the DOA is not increasing the volume of animal waste or wastewater, we feel that the disposal of these wastes will continue to meet your standards. In fact, the volume will be substantially less than Big Island Meat's operation, so there should be no impact. At the feedlot no generation of waste is expected, and we anticipate no change in disposal patterns there.

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Water Pollution

The DOA requests the same exemption from the NPDES permit requirements, as our slaughter operations will be much smaller and will not be fully utilizing the feedlot. Big Island Meat's operations qualified for this exemption and, as such, we feel we should as our operation will not be different from theirs.

The DOA's permittee will be employing the same employees that Big Island Meat used, although not the full crew since our operations will be smaller. These employees are familiar with the operating requirements of your regulations and have worked with your Big Island inspectors, so hopefully this relationship will continue.

If there are any questions or if further information is needed, please feel free to call Paul T. Matsuo, Administrator, Agricultural Resource Management Division, at 973-9473.

Attachment

c: ARM Div.
Wastewater Branch
Clean Water Branch

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February 18, 1993

No reply as of 2/7/93.

TO: Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

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TO: Office of State Planning

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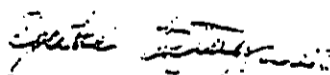
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No reply as of 2/19/93.

TO: University of Hawaii
Water Resources Research Center

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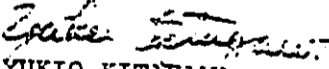
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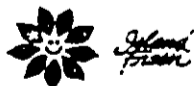
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TO: U. S. Department of Agriculture
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TO: U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Pacific Ocean Division

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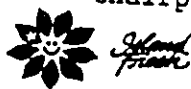
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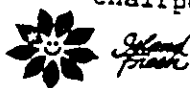
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February 18, 1993

No reply as of 6/7/93.

TO: County of Hawaii
Department of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: PRE-ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT -
HAMAKUA AGRICULTURAL PARK, PAAUILO, COUNTY OF HAWAII

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Department of Research and Development

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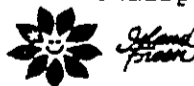
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TO: Department of Education

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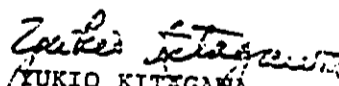
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