### DEPARTMENT OF WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

### CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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August 19, 1993

KENNETH M. RAPPOLT

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WEP 93-386

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

Dear Mr. Choy:

Subject:

Final Environmental Assessment (EA) in Anticipation of a

Negative Declaration for the Proposed Septage Handling Facilities

at the Paalaa-Kai Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Waialua, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: 6-6-34: 33, 35

This letter constitutes a notice of determination by this department after the potential impacts of the proposed project have been assessed according to Title 11, Chapter 200, Environmental Impact Statement Rules, and Chapter 343, of the Hawaii Revised Statues relating to Environmental Impact Statements. The determination has been made that an environmental impact statement is not required based on the environmental assessment prepared by our consultants, Parametrix, Inc.

Based on our determination, we are filing a Final EA in anticipation of a Negative Declaration. The department is submitting with this transmittal, four copies of the Final EA and an OEQC publication form for this project.

We are requesting publication in your OEQC Bulletin of September 8, 1993.

Should there be any questions, please have your staff contact Mr. Robert Ishida at 527-5847.

¡Very truly yours,

KENNETH M. RAPPOLT

Director

**Attachments** 

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Final Environmental Assessment

This Environmental Assessment prepared pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)

For The

### Septage Facilities on Oahu

### North Shore WWTP Tributary Area Paalaa-Kai WWTP

TMK: 6-6-34: 33, 35 Waialua, Oahu, Hawaii

Proposing Agency:

Department of Wastewater Management City and County of Honolulu 650 S. King Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

Responsible Official:\_

Kenneth M. Rappolt, Director

8/18/93

Prepared For:

Department of Wastewater Management

City and County of Honolulu

Prepared By Parametrix, Inc.

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### **EXHIBIT**

Correspondence - Agencies Consulted

### I. SUMMARY

### CHAPTER 343, HRS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)

Action:

Agency

Proposing Agency:

Department of Public Works City & County of Honolulu

Project Name:

North Shore Septage Facilities: Paalaa-Kai WWTP

Project Description:

The Paalaa-Kai Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) is being evaluated to determine the potential impacts that proposed septage handling and processing facilities will have on the long range operations on the North Shore. The proposed septage treatment facility will consist of the following:

(2) receiving stations consisting of an inlet box and concrete apron;

aerated grit removal tank; comminutor grinder; influent pump station;

dual sequencing batch reactors for batch treatment of the septage;

effluent pump station; dual aerobic digestors;

digested sludge precipitators and holding tank;

vertical screw press facility; thickened sludge pump station;

sludge drying beds;

odor control units consisting of chemical oxidation scrubbers and

activated carbon adsorption units;

and other related units.

Project Location:

Waialua-Haleiwa Paalaa-Kai WWTP, Waialua, Oahu

(See Figure 1)

Tax Map Key:

6-6-34: 33, 35

Area:

44,412 square feet

State Land Use

Designation:

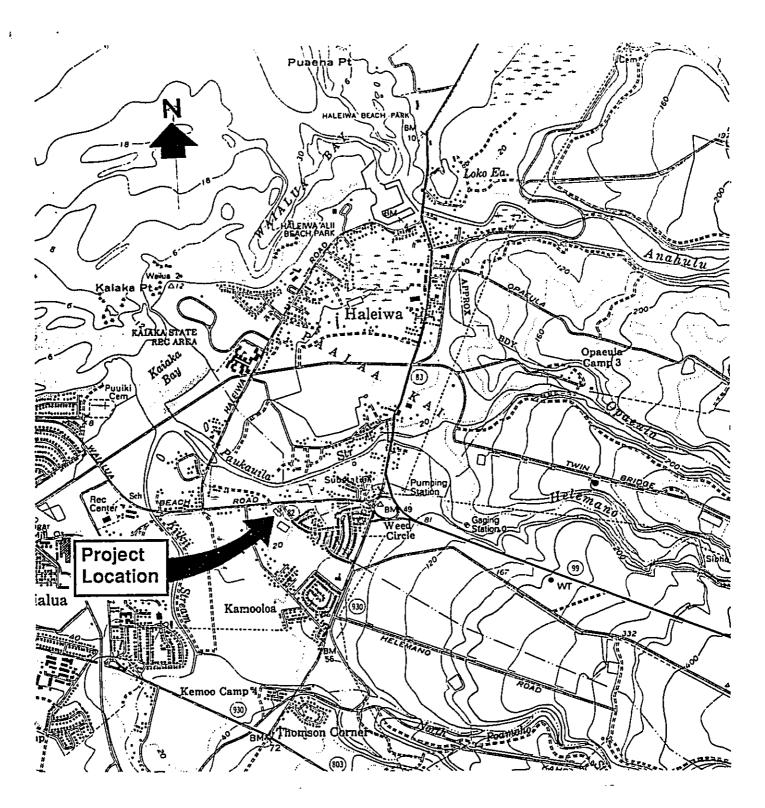
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North Shore Septage Facilities:

Paalaa-Kai WWTP

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March 30, 1993



Parametrix, Inc.

Septage Facilities on Oahu North Shore, Tributary Area Haleiwa / Waialua

**Location Map** 

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Figure 1 Page 2 County Zoning Designation:

AG-1

County Development Plan North Shore Land Use

Map Designation:

Public Facility

Landowner:

City & County of Honolulu

Contact:

F. J. Rodriguez c/o Parametrix, Inc.

1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1600 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Tel. (808) 524-0594

### II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### A. Technical Characteristics

- 1. The septage wastes generated within the North Shore service area are primarily cesspool septage, septic tank waste, waste activated sludge (WAS) and preloader waste from private treatment plants. Small quantities of chemical toilet waste and grease trap waste are also generated in the sparsely populated service area. Individually, each type of waste exhibits different characteristics; in general, however, the wastes are highly variable, anaerobic, high strength wastes.
- 2. Septage handling and treatment fall into three general categories: <u>land disposal</u>; <u>independent treatment facilities</u>; <u>and handling at wastewater treatment plants</u>. In a City & County of Honolulu conducted study entitled "Septage Facilities on Oahu North Shore Tributary Area Parametrix, Inc., December, 1992", it was concluded that handling septage at existing WWTP was the most economically cost effective and environmentally sound method of handling septage. For the North Shore service area, a minimum of two septage treatment facilities was considered necessary for the following reasons:
  - shorter hauling distances with associated higher efficiencies in truck and labor usage.
  - improved compatibility with the long term plan for septage treatment and handling a regional and sub regional wastewater treatment facilities.

The two septage treatment facilities would be at the Paalaa-Kai WWTP (the subject of this E.A.) and the second would be at the Kahuku WWTP.

The septage facilities are needed to relieve existing treatment plants from present overload conditions and to reduce the hauling distance for municipal and private pumpers serving the North Shore service area.

Septage generated within the North Shore Service area consists primarily of cesspool septage. A highly concentrated wastewater, septage is traditionally treated by processes used at WWTPs. The handling of septage, however, is markedly different from domestic sewage and requires special consideration for proper design of receiving and handling facilities. Considerations for treating septage at a WWTP are:

- a. Ability of the plant to accommodate septage
- b. Addition to liquid and solid waste handling stream

- c. Mode of waste input
- d. Receiving station
  Waste discharge station
  Pre treatment
- e. Substances which could inhibit microbiological activity
- f. Odor Control
- 3. Addition of a highly concentrated waste such as septage in relatively small quantities can substantially increase the organic and solids loading at a WWTP. The volume of septage that can be handled is generally dependent on three major factors:
  - a. The volume and nature of the waste flow
  - b. Biological oxidation capacity of the plant
  - c. Solids handling capacity of the plant
- 4. There are two methods of handling septage at a WWTP:
  - a. Addition to the liquid treatment stream;
  - b. Addition to the solids handling stream

In general, septage input into the headworks of a treatment plant liquid stream is desirable since the majority of the solids can be removed with the primary sludge. This is particularly true at plants with primary clarification. At secondary treatment plants without primary sedimentation, addition of septage to the liquid stream can overload biological processes resulting in major process upsets and poor effluent quality. At these secondary treatment plants, addition to the solids handling stream would be more appropriate.

B. Social and Economic Characteristics

Discharge of cesspool septage at the North Shore WWTP are as follows:

Paalaa-Kai WWTP is limited to municipal pumper trucks only. Private haulers must transport wastes to the Honouliuli WWTP for treatment and disposal. A new treatment facility recently completed at the Turtle Bay Resort consists of a new aerated pond treatment facility. The system has not yet been accepted by the City & County DWWM for operation and maintenance. Originally, the Paalaa-Kai WWTP was designed and

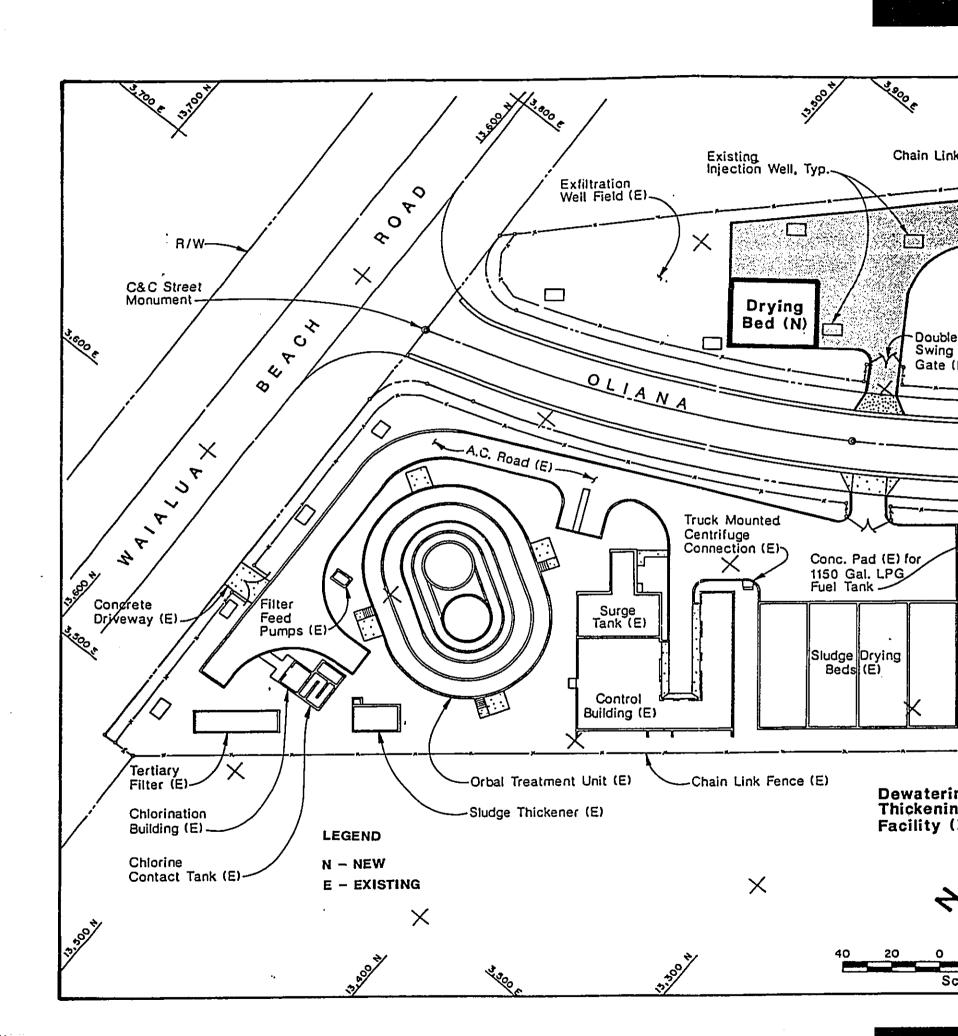
built as an advanced secondary treatment facility designed for an average daily flow of 122,800 gallons per day (gpd). It serves a residential subdivision consisting of 307 homes, and was constructed as part of the housing development and subsequently dedicated to the City. (See Figure 2) The treatment plant is a temporary facility to provide wastewater treatment for the housing development until connection to the proposed regional Waialua-Haleiwa WWTP is completed. The facilities plan for the regional Waialua-Haleiwa WWTP has been completed but not yet adopted by the City.

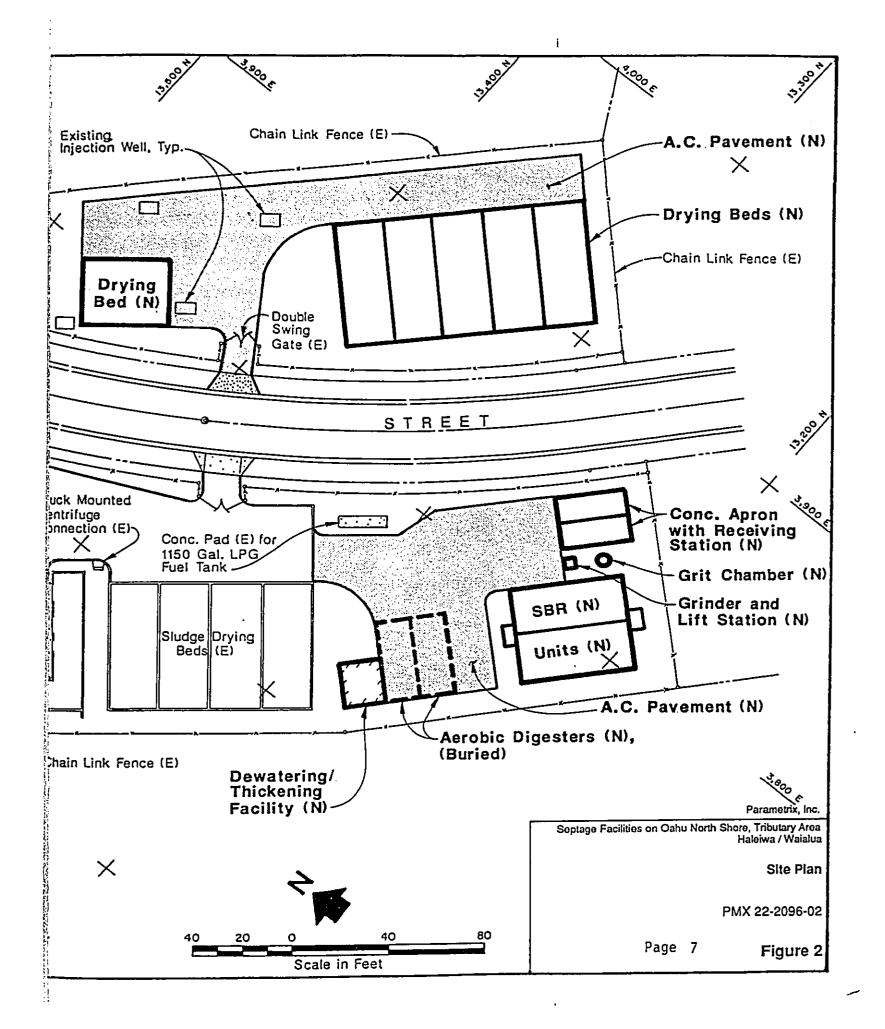
### Schedule/Design Capacity:

The schedule for implementation of the plan and construction of the proposed treatment plant is therefore uncertain. Present average daily wastewater flow is approximately 130,000 gpd and slightly exceeds the plant design average flow capacity. The plant receives 20 to 30 loads of cesspool septage daily. At 2000 gallons per load, the cesspool septage inflow is approximately 40,000 to 60,000 gpd. The current average daily flow of 130,000 gpd includes this septage flow. Because the Kahuku WWTP can only accommodate a maximum of four loads of septage daily, septage from the Kahuku area is often rerouted and discharged at Paalaa-Kai WWTP. The projected septage quantity generated strictly within the Waialua-Haleiwa district, at 935,000 gallons per month is equivalent to 42,500 gpd, and this is based on 22 working days per month. However, the estimated strength of the projected Waialua-Haleiwa septage is significantly higher than the weak cesspool septage presently being handled. As a result, the estimated waste loadings to the treatment plant are substantially higher than current septage waste loadings.

### C. Environmental Characteristics

- 1. <u>Cesspool septage</u> can be described as a highly variable anaerobic waste having a high solids and organic content. For a properly operating cesspool, cleaning would be required very infrequently, approximately in the range of once every 10-20 years. Cesspool failure, as characterized by sewer backups and or diminished sewer capacity, can occur due to high groundwater levels, poor soil conditions, and clogging of sidewall openings by solids deposition or microorganisms growth. Cesspool failure generally requires pumping to remove accumulated waste liquids and solids. High pressure washing or chemical additives are sometimes used to remove solids, grease or growths from the sidewalls. The waste load generated from pumping a failed cesspool is cesspool septage.
- 2. Septic tank septage can be described as a highly variable anaerobic slurry containing large amounts of grit and scum, high solids and organic content, and often an accumulation of heavy metals. It is also characterized by a highly offensive odor, the ability to foam, and poor settling and dewatering characteristics. The septic tank itself is the treatment component where scum and solids are





separated from the wastewater providing a degree of treatment similar to a primary treatment process. The sludge and scum are retained within the tank where they undergo anaerobic stabilization, a digestion process. The partially clarified liquid flows to the disposal component comprised of a leaching field, seepage pit, or other effluent disposal systems. Solids retained within the septic tank are anaerobically digested, stabilizing and reducing the solids volume. The solids accumulation can reach a point where cleaning is required to prevent solids carryover and clogging of the disposal system. The mixture of partially digested solids and wastewater removed from the septic tank comprise septic tank septage. Septic tank cleaning frequency ranges from once every year to once every five years, with an average of once every three years.

- 3. Waste activated sludge There are approximately 27 private wastewater treatment plants located within the North Shore Service Area. These private facilities range from multiple housing units arranged in parallel, to package extended aeration activated sludge plants, to large facultative lagoons. Two types of waste are generated by private treatment plants: preloader waste, and waste activated sludge. Approximately 25 of the 27 private treatment facilities use a form of the activated sludge treatment process. The Turtle Bay WWTP and the Waialee Farm WWTP are biological pond systems that essentially generate no excess solids for disposal at treatment plants. However, over time, stabilized sludge deposits at the bottom of the ponds may require removal and disposal. The majority of the private treatment plants use the extended aeration modification of the activated sludge process. This process generates a relatively low amount of excess solids; however, for efficient treatment, some excess solids, or waste activated sludge (WAS) must be removed on a regular basis. Because WAS amounts at private treatment plants are small, it is generally not feasible for these plants to have complete solids handling and disposal facilities.
- 4. Preloader Waste are characterized as a variable, anaerobic, high strength waste that can contain large amounts of grit, hair, oil, and grease. Preloader wastes are captured at the influent end of the treatment plant and generally contain floatables, oil and grease, grit, and readily settleable materials. As determined in a previously conducted study (Septage Facilities on Oahu North Shore Tributary Area, December, 1992), preloaders are essentially septic tanks operating under high hydraulic loading rates. Based on the similarity between septic tanks and preloaders, preloader waste characteristics were assumed to be similar to septic tank septage.
- 5. Chemical Toilet Waste On Oahu, chemical toilets are portable units that are typically used at locations such as construction sites, areas where permanent facilities are inadequate for a short term special event, and areas where permanent facilities are non-existent. Chemical toilet wastes are currently discharged into the municipal system at designated manholes. Within the North Shore area, discharge of chemical

of chemical toilet wastes into the municipal collection system is not allowed. In general, the waste must be transported to the Honouliuli WWTP or to designated manholes in Pearl City for discharge into the City's system.

- 6. Grease Trap Waste Grease Traps are required by plumbing codes, the City's Sewer Ordinance, and are designed to separate fats, oils, and grease from wastewater flows from establishments such as restaurants prior to discharge into a sewage collection system. In general, the grease captured in a greases trap is primarily comprised of edible oils that separate readily from the wastewater and accumulate at the liquid surface. Grease buildup cause a number of problems including:
  - · coating and build up in sewer systems;
  - excessive accumulation of floating materials;
  - formation of grease balls in clarifiers;
  - · formation of dense scum layers in digesters; and
  - poor effluent quality leading to coating and build up in effluent injection wells and reducing effluent disposal capacity.

### III.AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

### A. Geographical Characteristics

### 1. Topography

The proposed Septage handling facility at the Paalaa-Kai WWTP is planned on two sides of the plant site. At the present time, the planned expansion will consist of approximately 44,412 square feet of structural improvements.

### 2. Soils

The Paalaa-Kai site is characterized "as Haleiwa Silty Clay (HeA) and is generally located in strips adjacent to the ocean. It consists of well drained soils on fans and in drainage ways along the coastal plains." USDA/SCS 8/72 Soil Survey of Islands of Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, and Lanai, State of Hawaii.

### 3. Vegetation

At the proposed location for the septage handling facility improvements, there are no varieties of vegetation as the Paalaa-Kai WWTP is an existing industrial facility. There are introduced species of plant material on the total parcel, but not at the septage facility location.

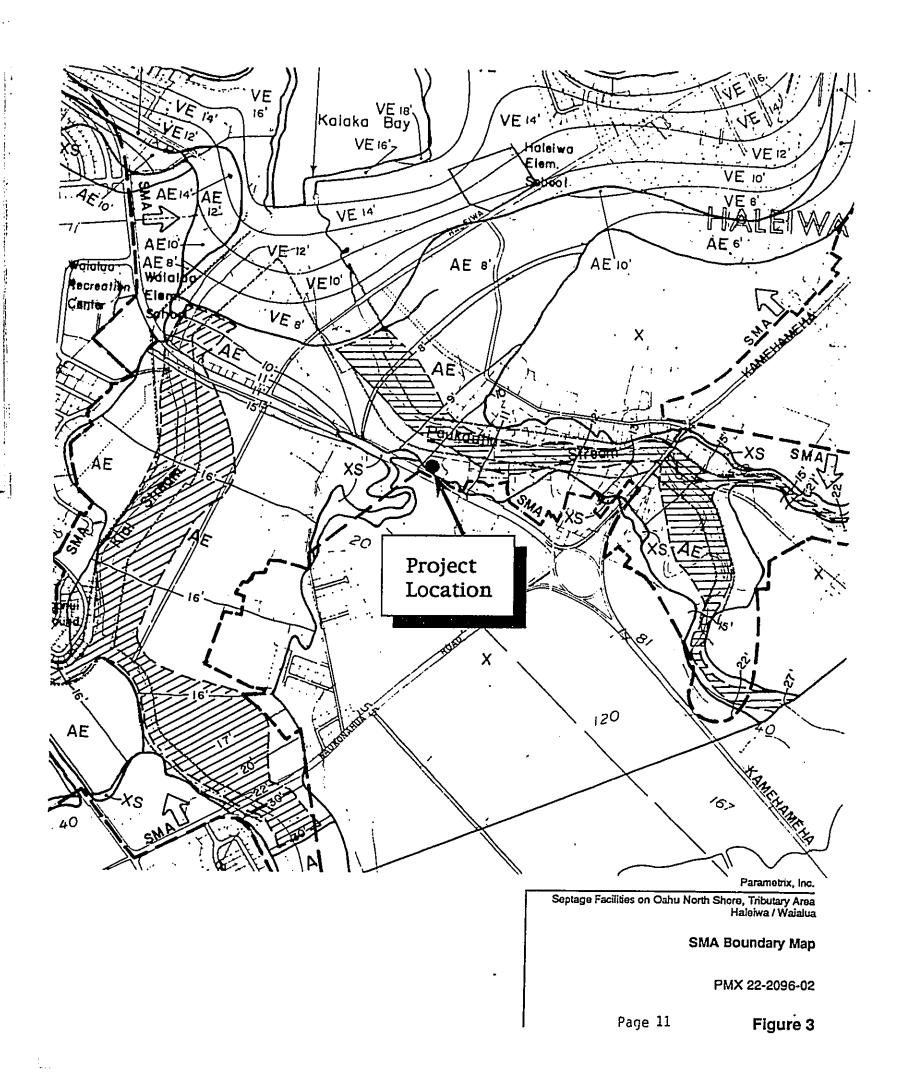
### B. Hydrological Characteristics

### 1. Drainage

Onsite drainage will be provided with the existing system of drainage. The proposed improvements to provide septage handling will not increase drainage loading on the existing drainage system. In the event of accidental spills of the septage material, there are operational procedures that will mitigate the spillage and minimize the impacts into the adjacent coastal zone.

### 2. Coastal Zone Management Program/City & County Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit

The City & County Department of Land Utilization Special Management Area (SMA) boundary maps include this project in the SMA zone. An SMA permit will be prepared and processed with the Department of Land Utilization. (See Figure 3) Compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act is under the review jurisdiction of the Office of State Planning who will review this document to ensure compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act.



### C. Biological Characteristics

The location of the proposed Septage Handling Facilities at the Paalaa-Kai WWTP is on fully improved and previously disturbed land. There will be little if any impacts to the existing biota due to this proposed project. Plant and animal species prevalent at the WWTP are exotic or introduced species and will not be affected by this project.

### D. Historic and Archaeological Characteristics

The previously disturbed nature of the proposed Septage Facility site and the fact that the Paalaa-Kai WWTP is on previously cultivated agricultural lands, precludes the possibility of uncovering sites with historic or archaeological significance. In the event that sites are uncovered, construction work will be halted and the State Historic Preservation Division, Department of Land and Natural Resources will be advised.

### IV. SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS AND MITIGATIVE MEASURES

### A. Impacts

Impacts due to the implementation of the proposed project improvements can be considered in two areas: short and long term. Short term impacts generally result from construction related activities. These are of short duration and are related and limited to the construction phase of site improvements, i.e. on site and structural.

Topographic alterations will result from the onsite grading necessary to provide an even and stable building platform for the structural improvements. Construction related impacts would consist of clearing, grading and installation of utilities. Other onsite improvements will be to provide ready access for the septage vehicles to reach the unloading ports; the connection of the utilities; the onsite drainage improvements to tie in with the existing drainage system; and the perimeter fencing to secure the facilities since the project location is adjacent to the urban residential housing project.

Site preparation could result in minor but temporary exceedance of ambient noise and air quality standards. Final installation of the mechanical and structural improvements, including the mechanical hardware could also create minimal noise impacts.

Minor increases in commercial traffic due to the additional private and municipal vehicles will result due to the implementation of this septage handling facility project.

Odor control may become an operational problem due to the increased septage handling. With proper design and maintenance, however, the odor problems can be managed.

### B. Mitigative Measures

Short term or construction related impacts will be contractor's responsibility to adhere to the State Department of Health Regulations on Community Noise for Oahu. This will be done by avoiding the "gunning" of equipment; working only during the normal operating hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and installing appropriate muffler noise abatement devices on all construction equipment. Fugitive Dust control will be abated by adhering to the State Department of Health Regulations on Air Quality. Abatement measures will include frequent street watering; use of dust control materials; and minimizing open earthwork areas.

<u>Traffic Control</u>: The contractor will be required to provide and maintain, adequate traffic mitigative measures for the adjacent residential community so that morning and evening peak traffic flows are not impacted. This should not be a significant problem since construction will commence at the normal hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and most outbound traffic is already on the road. Flagmen or off-duty HPD officers can also

be used to control specific traffic periods if heavy equipment or materials are being loaded or unloaded at the Site.

Odor Control: An odor control Facility will be installed to mitigate the impacts of normal treatment plant operations.

### V. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

### <u>Alternatives</u>

The selected site location has taken into consideration the existing operations at Paalaa-Kai WWTP and the decision to place the Septage Facilities at the designated location was based on the use which requires ready ingress and egress for septage vehicles. Other areas evaluated and discarded due to the potential traffic congestion and economic cost benefits due to distances that would result include:

- Turtle Bay WWTP
- Kahuku WWTP
- Laie WWTP
- Wahiawa WWTP
- Honouliuli WWTP

These included the "No Action" alternative, and selecting a separate location.

The "No Action" alternative would have resulted in the selected site remaining unused and the volume of septage continuing to be a problem for treatment and disposal.

A new and separate site would not have been cost effective since the septage treatment process requires wastewater treatment capabilities.

The septage facilities are needed to relieve the existing treatment plants from their present overload conditions and to reduce the handling distances for municipal and private septage hauler trucks servicing the North Shore Tributary Area. Although the current situation at the treatment plants is tolerable, a properly designed septage handling and treatment facility is not only more desirable, but is more efficient and cost effective.

### VI. DETERMINATION, FINDINGS, AND REASONS SUPPORTING DETERMINATION

After completing an assessment of the potential environmental effects of the proposed action, and consulting with other government agencies, it has been determined that a Notice of Negative Declaration can be anticipated. This will be completed after the pre-agency consultation period and the Draft Environmental Assessment has been published in the OEQC Bulletin. The policies, guidelines, and provisions of Chapters 342, 343, and 344 Hawaii Revised Statutes were consulted in the evaluation process.

- 1. The proposed project will not adversely affect the physical and social environment. There may be minor discomfort and annoyances to the Waialua Beach Road and Oliana Street traffic during construction, but these will be mitigated by adherence to applicable City traffic control ordinances.
- 2. There will be no permanent degradation of the existing ambient air quality and community noise levels. During the construction phase, the air and noise standards will be temporarily affected, but these effects will be temporary and short term in nature. Operational controls on noise and odor control will be treated by odor control and noise abatement measures. No increased controls for odor control and noise are anticipated.
- 3. Residences will be disrupted temporarily by the project construction. The site is part of the Paalaa-Kai WWTP and the Septage Handling Facility is a consistent use and compatible with the overall WWTP.
- 4. There are no endangered plant species on the project site, and the prevailing flora and fauna are exotic or introduced species.
- 5. There are no known natural, historic, or archaeological sites within the project's metes and bounds.
- 6. The project will not be consistent with the prevailing Land Use District Agricultural designation; however, the Development Plan Facilities Map and the Zoning designation of AG-1 will permit this project as part of the existing WWTP.
- 7. There are no significant adverse secondary effects on population, future development, and public facilities due to this project.

### VII.LIST OF PREPARERS

Parametrix, Inc.

Hawaii Pacific Engineers, Inc.

### VIII.FUNDING AND PHASING

This Project will be funded entirely by the applicant, the Department of Public Works, Division of Wastewater Management, City & County of Honolulu. All improvements will be designed and built to County Building code standards. Construction will commence after all required permits have been processed and completed. Construction costs are estimated to be \$3,900,000.00 with the funding to be from the City & County of Honolulu. The work will be completed in one phase.

### IX. LIST OF AGENCIES CONSULTED DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCY	CIES: Date of Consultation	Date Comment Received
State of Hawaii Mr. Harold Masumoto, Director Office of State Planning		5-3-93
Mr. Keith W. Ahue, Chair State Dept. of Land & Natural Res	sources	
Dr. Bruce Anderson, Dep. Director State Dept. of Health	or	
Mr. T. Harano, Chief Highways Division State Dept. of Transportation		
Mr. Mufi Hanneman, Director Department of Business & Econom	nic Development	4-27-93
City & County of Honolulu Mr.Robin Foster Dept. of General Planning		4-30-93
Mr. Donald A. Clegg, Director Dept. of Land Utilization		
Mr. C. Michael Street, Ch. Engr. Dept. of Public Works		
Mr. Joseph N. Magaldi, Director Dept. of Trans. Services		
Mr. Michael S. Nakamura, Chief Honolulu Police Department		4-20-93
Mr. Donald Chang, Chief Honolulu Fire Department		4-19-93

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March 30, 1993

North Shore Septage Facilities: Paalaa-Kai WWTP

Agency	Date of Consultation	Date Comment Received
Mr. Kazu Hayashida, Manager Board of Water Supply		4-27-93
Ms. Rene Mansho City Council		4-7-93

North Shore Neighborhood Board #27

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April 14, 1993

Mr. F. J. Rodriguez Parametrix, Inc. 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1600

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

SUBJECT: PAALAA-KAI SEPTAGE HANDLNG FACILITIES Environmental Assessment Pre-Agency Review PMC Project No.: 22-2096-02

We have reviewed the subject material provided and foresee no adverse impact in Fire Department facilities or services.

Access for fire apparatus, water supply and building construction shall be in conformance to existing codes and standards.

Should you have any questions, please call Assistant Chiel Attilio Leonardi of our Administrative Services Bureau at 831-7775.

Very truly yours,

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C. MICHAEL STREET, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER DEPARTHENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FROM:

ENVIRONHENTAL ASSESSHENTS PRE-AGENCY REVIEW FOR PAALAA-KAI SEPTAGE HANDLING FACILLTIES SUBJECT:

We have received your department comments dated April 14, 1993 for the subject project and respond as follows:

All access for fire apparatus, water supply, and building construction shall be in conformance with existing codes and standards.

The department position of no adverse impact in Fire Department facilities or services is duly noted. 7.

Thank you for your timely comments and continuing cooperation. C. Uledand Strut C. MICHAEL STREET Director and Chief Engineer

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULE & BEINE APR 2 0 1993 POLICE DEPARTMENT

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April 23, 1993

OUR RETERENCE BS-LX

April 19, 1993

Hr. F. J. Rodriguez Parametrix, Inc. 1164 Bishop Streat, Suite 1600 Honolulu, Hawail 96813

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

This is in response to your letter of March 30, 1993 about septage facilites at the Paalaa-Kai Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The Honolulu Police Department notes that mitigative measures will be employed to minimize dust, noise, odor, and traffic problems, which would be our major concerns. We have no other comments at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document.

Sincerely,

HICHAEL S. NAKAMURA Chief of Police

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### HEMORANDUM

HICHAEL S. HAKAMURA, CHIEF OF POLICE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT ä

C. MICHAEL STREET DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER FROM:

SUBJECT:

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS PRE-AGENCY REVIEW FOR PAALAA-KAI SEPTAGE HANDLING FACILITIES

We have received your department comments dated April 19, 1993 on the above project and respond as follows:

Mitigative measures will be employed to minimize dust, noise, odor and traffic problems.

Thank you for your timely comments and continuing cooperation.

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April 21, 1993

Mr. F.J. Rodriguez Parametrix, Inc. 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1600 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

Subject: Your Letter of March 30, 1993 on the Environmental Assessment Pre-Agency Review for the Paalaa-Kai Septage Handling Facilities at the Paalaa-Kai Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), PMX Project No. 22-2096-02, Wajalua, Oahu, TMK: 6-6-34; 33, 34

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project to construct additional septage handling facilities at the WWTP.

We have no objections to the proposed project and anticipate no adverse impacts to our water system facilities in the area.

If you have any questions, please contact Roy Doi at 527-5121.

Very truly yours,

KAZU HAYASHIDA Manager and Chief Engineer

Robert Ishida (Department of Public Works)

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May 6, 1993

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HR. KAZU HAYASHIDA, HANAGER AND CHIEF ENGINEER BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY ä

C. HICHAEL STREET, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER DEPARTHENT OF PUBLIC HORKS FROM:

SEPTAGE HANDLING FACILITIES ON OAHU: PAALAA-KAI WASTEWATER TREATHENT PLANT SUBJECT:

We have received your agency comments dated April 21, 1993 on the above proposed project and respond as follows: We acknowledge the BWS position that states "The proposed project will have no adverse impacts to the BWS water system facilities, and there are no objections to the project."

Thank you for your timely comments and continuing cooperation.

and Chief Engineer

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Honolulu, HI 96813

SUBJECT: Paalaa Kai Wastewater Treatment Plant/Septage Facility

I have received calls from residents in the community surrounding the Paalaa Kai Treatment Plant expressing their concern with reports of the proposed construction of a septage facility at Paalaa Kai. They have heard that sewage and sludge from the Kahuku Wastewater Treatment Plant will be processed at this facility.

The major concerns of the community are the increased pump truck traffic on Walalua Beach Road entering the facility and an increase in odor, which they feel will lower their property values.

It is my understanding that an Environmental Assessment is planned for the project. I would appreciate a clarification of the following:

- 1) Scope of the project. Will sewage be trucked from Kahuku? How many additional trucks are expected? What measures can or will be taken to address the question of odor?
- What is the timetable of the project? Will community input be solicited?

Thank you for your cooperation in responding to these community concerns. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely, Am Mul

RENE MANSHO Councilmember, District I

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City Council City and County of Honolulu Honolulu, Havaii 96813 The Honorable Rene Mansho Councilmember

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Dear Councilmember Mansho:

Our response to your letter of March 29, 1991, is as follows :

Scope of the project. Will sevage be trucked from Kahuku? How many additional trucks are expected? What measures can or will be taken to address the question of odor? 1:

Scope of the project: The primary objective of the project is to develop cost effective and acceptable septage handling wastes such as cesspool septage and septic tank septage already being discharged into the collection systems of the completely separate septage handling facilities will be built at these treatment plants to relieve the present the North Shore area. If the septage pandling facilities will be alwaling distance for municipal and private pumpers serving are not built in the North Shore area. If the septage handling facilities required to transport their septage to the Honouliul facilities at the existing treatment plants would involve the current land use rather than a change in will be constructed much more extension of the current land use rather than a change in will be constructed much more expende handling facilities

Will sewage be trucked from Kahuku? Although the Preliminary Engineering Report recommends that treated sludge be trucked to the Paalaa Kai WHYP, trucking of treated sludge from the Kahuku WHYP to the Paalaa Kai WHYP will not be considered. In designing the facilities, we shall consider the following options in the final design:

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Provide new sludge drying beds utilizing a thermoplastic filter module within the designated Kahuku Septage Handling Facility area although the space is limited. ż

- Convert the two (2) existing Kahuku WMTP sand drying beds to thermoplastic filter beds to enhance the drying time to accommodate the additional sludge from the septage handling facility. æ.
- Acquire a larger land area at the Kahuku facility to provide adequately sized sludge drying beds. ដ
- Provide sludge drying beds at the Kaneohe and/or Ahuimanu WMTPs to receive treated sludge from the Kahuku Septage Handling Pacility. ċ
- Consider hauling treated sludge from the Kahuku Septage Handling Pacility to the Kailua and/or Honouliuli HHTPs. ដ

How many additional trucks are expected? We do not foresee any additional trucks to be hauling septage and sludge originating from the Kahuku Pacility for the reasons explained above.

What messures can or will be taken to address the question of odor? The tanks for the septage handling facilities will be covered and odor control systems with chemical scrubbers will be provided to prevent odor nuisance.

What is the timetable of the project? Will community input be solicited? ..

What is the timetable of the project? The tentative timetable of the project is as follows:

May 1993 Summer 1994 Fall 1994 Fall 1996 Start Design: Complete Design: Start Construction: Complete Construction: Will community input be solicited? Community input will be solicited during the environmental document processing in accordance with Chapter 341, HRS. We will consider any other means for community input as necessary.

The Honorable Rene Mansho

April 27, 1993

We trust the information we have provided satisfies your concerns. If you have any further questions, please call me at extension 4341.

Very truly yours,

C. Michael Spherical Director and Chief Engineer

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April 28, 1993

Mr. F. J. Rodríguez Parametrix, Inc. 1164 Bishop Street, Sulte 1600 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment for the Septage Handling Facilities at the Paalaa-Kai Waste Water Treatment Plant Tax Map Key: 6-6-34: 33, 34

The Planning Department has reviewed the subject document and offers the following comments:

- 1.. The proposed project is designated "Public Facility" on the North Shore Development Plan (DP) Land Use Map. This designation should be included in the "Summary" section of the proposed project.
- The North Shore Development Plan (DP) Public Facilities Map was recently amended by Ordinance 91-43 to allow for sewage treatment plant improvements to accommodate septage handling at the Paalaa-Kai Waste Hater Treatment Plant.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions, please contact Mel Murakami of our staff at 527-6020.

ROBIN FOSTER Chief Planning Officer Cl. 1806

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### MEMORANDUM

HR. ROBIN FOSTER, CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER PLANNING DEPARTHENT ë

C. HICHAEL STREET, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER DEPARTHENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FROM:

PRE-AGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED SEPTAGE HANDLING PACILITIES AT PAALAA-KAI WASTEWATER TREATHENT PLANT, TAX HAP KEY; 6-6-34; 33, 34 SUBJECT:

We have received your department comments dated April 28, 1993 and we respond as follows:

Inclusion of the Development Plan Land Use map indicating "Public Facility" has been made in the Summary section of the E.A. document. We have attached a copy for your files.

Thank you for your timely comments and continuing cooperation.

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Attachments

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April 29, 1993

. FARAMETRIK, INC.

Parametrix, Inc. 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1600 -Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Attn: F.J. Rodriguez

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

We received your three letters of March 30, 1993, soliciting comments and concerns regarding the draft Environmental Assessments (EA) for the proposed Septage Facilities at the Kahuku, Paalaa-Kai, and Sand Island Waste Mater Treatment Plants (MMTP), and we have the following response.

The draft EAs correctly state all three WATPs are located within the Special Hangement Area (SAH) of Oahu, and thus will require permits processed by the Department of Land Utilization. However, the Office of State Planning, as leed agency for Havail's Coastal Zone Hangement Program, and not the 'Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism as stated in the draft EAs, routinely monitors the processing of SAM permits by the various counties. Finally, involvement of Federal funds, as stated in the draft EAs, is not the sole determinant of whether this project mast comply with the Coastal Zone Hanagement Act. The federal Goastal Zone Hanagement Act of 1972, as amended, provides that many federal actions, such as the granting of federal permits and licenses, must comply with the approved Goastal Zone Management program of the respective state.

If you have any questions, please contact our Coastal Zone Management Program at 587-2876.

Sincerely,

Hard S. Masumoto Director

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May 6, 1993

Mr. Harold S. Masumoto, Director Office of State Planning P. O. Box 3540 Honolulu, Havaii 96811-3540

Dear Mr. Masumoto:

Subject: Pre-Agency Comments on Septage Handling Facilities at Paalaa-Kai Hastewater Treatment Plant

We have received your agency comments dated April 29, 1993 on the above proposed project and we respond as follows:

Revisions to the Draft E.A. document will be mode to correct the incorrect reference to the Coastal Zone Hanagement Act review jurisdiction. We direct you to the revisions which are attached.

Thank you for your timely response and continuing cooperation.

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April 16, 1993

Mr. F. J. Rodriguez Parametrix, Inc. 1164 Bishop Street, Suito 1600 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism is pleased to submit the enclosed comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment for Septage Facilities on Oahu: Kahuku Septage Handling Facilities, Paalaa-Kai Septage Handling Facilities, and Sand Island Septage Handling Racilities.

The comments were provided by the Land Use Commission. Questions regarding these comments may be directed to Esther Ueda, LUC Executive Officer at 587-3826.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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April 13, 1993

SUBJECT:

Director's Referral No. 93-101-N
Draft Environmental Assessment for Septage Facilities
on Oahu: (Kahuku Septage Handling Facilities,
Paalaa-Kai Septage Handling Facilities, Sand Island
Septage Handling Facilities)

We have reviewed the subject draft environmental assessments and have the following comments to offer:

## Kahuku Septage Handling Facilities

- The tax map key identification on page 1 of the Draft EA is in error. The current tax map key should read TMK:  $\overline{5}$ -6-2: por. 24. 7
- We confirm that the project location is within the State Land Use Agricultural District. Ñ
- The existing sewage treatment plant was the subject of SP78-317/City and County of Honolulu, Department of Public Works, approved by the LMC on January 11, 1979. 3
- Based on Figure 2 of the respective Draft EA, it appears that the proposed septage handling facility involves THK: 5-6-2: por. 1 (east of THK: 5-6-2: 24). This should be clarified in the Final EA and amendments made accordingly. We also note that if expansion into THK: 5-6-2: por. 1 is proposed, another Special Permit or amendment to SP78-317 is needed. 4
- The project site is nearby to an area recommended for reclassification from the Agricultural District to the Conservation District under the Draft State Land Use District Boundary Review Oahu, currently being conducted by the Office of State Planning, specifically, the Kii Unit of the James Campbell Mational Wildlife Preserve is a Priority 2 recommendation. 6.

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## Paalaa-Kai Septage Handling Facilities

- We confirm that the project location, identified as TMK: 6-6-74: 31 £ 14, is within the State Land Use Urban District and not the Agricultural District as stated on page 1 of the respective Draft EA. 7
- Review of Figure 2 of the respective Draft EA indicates that proposed improvements are within TMK: 6-6-34: por. 31 and por. 35. It appears that no improvements are proposed within 6-6-34: 34. This should be clarified in the Final EA and references amended accordingly. 7

## Sand Island Septage Handling Facilities

- We wish to note that because the proposed septage handling facility will not involve the total parcel, the TMK identification should read as TMK: 1-5-41: por. 5. 7
- We confirm that the project location, identified as TMK: 1-5-41: por. 5, is within the State Land Use Urban District. 7

We have no further comments to offer at this time.

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May 6, 1993

Mr. Mufi Hanneman, Director Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism P. O. Box 2359 Honolulu, Hawaii 96804

Dear Mr. Hanneman:

Subject: Pre-Agency Comments on Septage Facilities on Oahu at Paalaa-Kai Hastewater Treatment Plant

We have received your department comments dated April 16, 1993 on the proposed facilities and we respond as follows:

## Panlaa-Kai Septage Handling Facilities:

- We have amended the land use designation for the subject parcel from Agriculture to Urban. ;
- Clarification of the correct Tax Map Key to reflect the "no improvements within TMK: 6-6-34: 34" has been made.

Thank you for your timely comments and continuing cooperation.

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Parametriz, Inc. 1164 Biehop Street, Suite 1600 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

PERMITTING INC.

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment (DE): Septage Facilities at the Paalaa-Kai North Store Wastewater Treatment Plant, Waialua, Omlu, TM: 6-6-34: 33, 34

We have reviewed the DEA information for the subject project transmitted by your letter dated Herch 30, 1993, and have the following comments:

## Division of Aquatic Resources

The Division of Aquatic Resources commuts that a condition should be included to restrict acceptance of septage to loads that are hauled in by smitchal purper trucks. If private truckers are allowed, there is greater possibility that loads from commercial sources or those containing tomins could be introduced, leading to plant upsets and the emergency release of unacceptable effluent discharges during the plant's recovery.

### Historic Preservation Division

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) exments that a review of their records show that there are no known historic sites at the proposed project location. These lands are old sugarcane fields where it is unlikely that historic sites will be found. Therefore, HPD believes that this project will have "no effect" on historic sites.

We have no other comments to offer at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Please feel free to call Steve Tagawa at our Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs, at 587-0377, should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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May 25, 1993

Hr. Keith W. Ahue, Chair Department of Land and Natural Resource P. O. Box 621 Honolulu, Havail 96809

Dear Mr. Ahue:

Subject: Pre-Agency Comments on the Proposed Septage Handling Facilities at the Paalaa Kai Hastewater Treatment Plant (WATP), Haialua, Oahu, TWK: 6-6-14:31,35

We have received your comments dated May 4, 1991, and we respond as follows:

The comments from the Division of Aquatic Resources stating that the septage wastes from the private trucking firms should be restricted at the facilities is commendable but in practice, not an environmentally sound practice. If it were realistic, the City's Division of Mastewater Hanagement would wholeheartedly agree to outright prohibition of any private septage wastes into the City sewer system. However, without any private entity in the business of treating septage wastes, the City must provide this service to preclude illegal discharging and serious environmental impacts.

The Division of Wastewater Management is very concerned about the impacts of private septage hauler discharges on the City sewage facilities. These discharges could possibly interfere with treatment operations and pass through toxic vastes into receiving vaters, resulting in Clean Water Act fines that taxpayers and sever users must pay. A separate hauler permitting system, which is in effect, and the proposed facilities to treat the septage wastes separately from domestic wastewater, vould provide a workable and sound solution. Furthermore, routine surveillance of septage receiving stations will be done to ensure that permitted pumpers are complying with their permit requirements.

Mr. Keith W. Ahue

May 25, 1993

We acknowledge the Historic Preservation Division comment of "No effect" at the Paalaa Kai WHTP.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours, C. Mickail Ahrer

C. HICHAEL STREET Director and Chief Engineer

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May 21, 1993

Hr. F.J. Rodriquez

Parametrix, Inc. 1164 Bishop Street, Sulte 1600 Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

Dear Mr. Rodriquez:

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Environmental Assessment Pre-Agency Raview, Paalaa-Kai Septage Handling Facilities, Haialua, Oshu, THK, 6-6-14: 33 & 34

Thank you for providing the Department of Land Utilization the opportunity to review the above-referenced project. We offer the following comments:

The Special Hanagement Area (SHA) Boundary Hap (Figure 3) delineates the project site as being entirely within the SHA. Our review of the Tax Hap, however, indicates that the site is partially outside of the SHA boundary. The Environmental Assessment document should clarify the proper location of the site as well as whether the project is within the SHA.

The Draft EA should identify all required permits for construction of the septage handling facility.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Art Challacombe of our staff at 523-4107.

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HR. DONALD A. CLEGG, DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF LAND UTILIZATION

C. HICHAEL STREET, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FROM:

PRE-AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED SEPTAGE HANDLING FACILITY AT THE PAALAA KAI WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (HWTP), WAIALUA, OAHU, THK: 6-6-34: 33,35 SUBJECT:

We have received your comments dated May 10, 1993, and we respond as follows:

- The environmental assessment has been prepared with the intent of supporting the City DLU Special Hanagement Area (SHA) permit process. The portion of the Paalaa Kai WMTP where the septage handling facility will be constructed is partially within the SMA. Figure 3 will be revised accordingly.
- The following permits are the minimum required for construction of the septage handling facility and the permit requirements will be included in the draft environmental assessment.
- Building permit. Dewatering permit. Noise permit.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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