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Subject: NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR NAWILIWILI ADMINISTRATION
COMPLEX, KAUAI, HAWAII - JOB H. C. 7221

In accordance with Act 241, SLH 1992, we have completed the formal environmental assessment (EA) 30-day review period for the subject project. We have determined that the project will not have significant impacts on the environment. Based on the foregoing, we are filing a Negative Declaration.

Enclosed are the original and four copies of the Negative Declaration, which include a response to address the comments and concerns by the University of Hawaii Environmental Center in their letter of October 8, 1994 regarding the types and handling procedures of hazardous materials, and a completed OEQC Form for publication in the OEQC Bulletin.

Should you have any question, please contact Emilio Barroga, Jr. of our Design Section at 587-1955.

Enc.: Negative Declaration
OEQC Publication Form

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Administration Complex

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR

NAWILIWILI HARBOR ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX
KAUAI, HAWAII - JOB H. C. 7221

A. APPLICANT

Harbors Division, Department of Transportation

B. APPROVING AGENCY

Department of Transportation

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED

Matson Navigation Company, passenger cruise ship companies, and all other users of Nawiliwili Harbor strongly support the proposed project.

The proposed project will be coordinated with the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, and Environmental Management Division of the Department of Health.

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION'S CHARACTERISTICS

1. Technical (See attached map)

The proposed project consists of construction of a 1-story administration building, 1-story maintenance shop building, 6-stall covered garage, hazardous materials enclosure, asphalt concrete pavement, chain link fence, and all utilities including package sewage treatment plant.

The project will provide new structures to replace the current administration and maintenance shop buildings damaged by Hurricane Iniki.

2. Economic - Social

Nawiliwili Harbor is located on the southeast coast of the island of Kauai, one mile from the county seat of Lihue and in close proximity to Lihue Airport's modern facility. About 96 nautical miles northwest of Honolulu Harbor, Nawiliwili Harbor, which handled 821,693 tons of cargo in Fiscal Year 1992, is the primary deep-draft port serving the island of Kauai.

Nawiliwili's contiguous Piers 1 and 2 combine a total of 1,200 feet and have 66,000 square feet of shed space. Pier 1 is used for interisland cargo, while Pier 2 handles interisland cruise ships, petroleum products, containers, sugar and molasses.

Pier 3 which has been dedicated as the new interisland barge terminal was just recently completed. The pier is located along the Niualu side of the harbor and includes a 625-foot long and 50-foot wide barge pier, a 137-foot by 130-foot extension at the south end of the pier to facilitate roll-on/roll-off operations, a 15-acre yard and a 100-foot by 350-foot shed, access road, utilities and lighting system.

3. Environmental

The proposed project will be constructed on the landside of Nawiliwili Harbor. It will not endanger any marine or other wildlife in the area.

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

E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The project site is located at the corner of Nawiliwili Avenue and Jetty Road in Nawiliwili Harbor on the island of Kauai. The project area does not have any historical or archeological sites. No endangered wildlife lives in the harbor.

F. DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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

1. Generate controversy;
2. Alter the existing topography of the land or character of its use;
3. Cause the displacement of any person;
4. Affect any rare, threatened, or endangered species of animals, plants, or habitats;
5. Involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources, except for the labor and materials related to the construction of this project;
6. Curtail the beneficial uses of the environment;
7. Conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies, goals, or guidelines; and

8. Degrade the environmental quality.

Rather, the implementation of this project will have a beneficial effect on the general public and its environment by providing a harbor with more efficient administration and maintenance shop buildings, and paved storage yard.

G. IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

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

Estimated construction time is 160 working days.

The alternative to the proposed project is no action. No action will result in less efficient administration and maintenance baseyard facilities.

H. MITIGATION MEASURES

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

✓ The 10-foot by 20-foot hazardous materials enclosure will provide storage space for paint, thinner, gas, solvents, and herbicides. Materials will be stored in leakproof containers they are purchased in. Gas will be stored in approved fuel storage/container (5 gallon).

✓ Hazardous materials would be disposed (if necessary) by Safety Klean, 1181 Leleiona St., Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii 96766.

During construction, materials would be handled and stored in its present location, within the present baseyard.

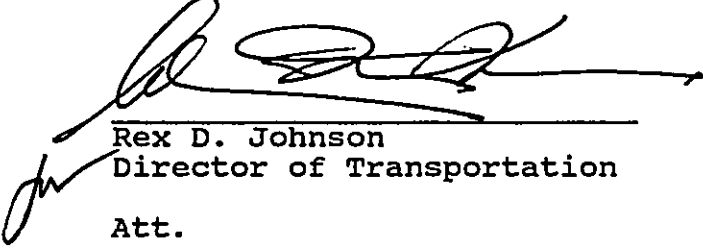
✓ The person responsible for overseeing the safe disposition of hazardous wastes is the Harbors Kauai District Maintenance Supervisor.

I. DETERMINATION

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

J. REASONS

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



Rex D. Johnson
Director of Transportation

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Date

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