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February 14, 1995

The Honorable Gary Gill, Director Office of Environmental Quality Control 220 S. King Street, 4th Floor State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Gill:

CHAPTER 343, HRS Environmental Assessment/Determination Negative Declaration

Recorded Owner/ Wallace Johnston Applicant : Oceanit Coastal Corporation Agent : : 870 Mokulua Drive, Lanikai, Oahu Location : 4-3-8: 50 Tax Map Key Shoreline Setback Variance Request : Construction of a Rubble Revetment Proposal : A Negative Declaration Is Issued Determination :

Attached and incorporated by reference is the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) prepared by the applicant for the project. Based on the significance criteria outlined in Chapter 200, State Administrative Rules, we have determined that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

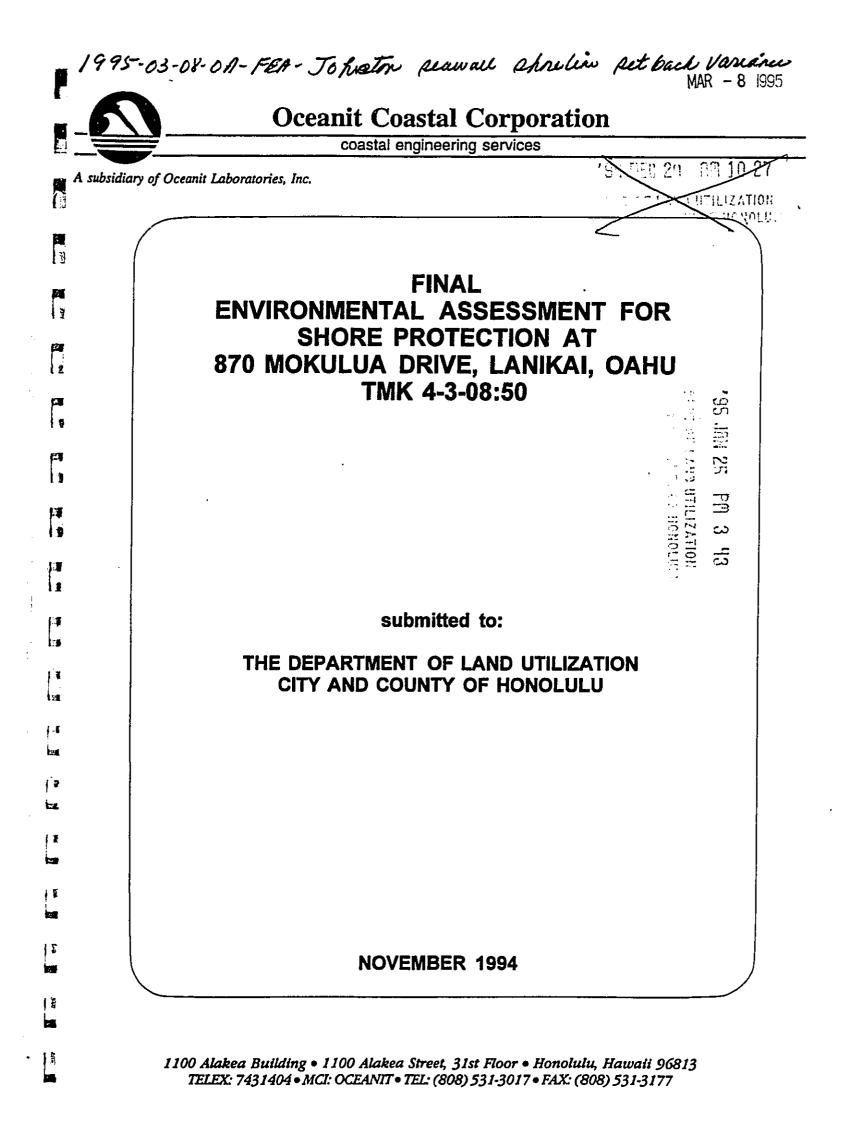
We have enclosed a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four (4) copies of the FEA. If you have any questions, please contact Ardis Shaw-Kim of our staff at 527-5349.

Very truly yours,

un PATRICK T. ONISHI Director of Land Utilization

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B.	RECORDED FE	E OWNER	Same as applicant.			
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E.	LOT AREA:	11,250 sq	ft			
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II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

A. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The residential property located at 870 Mokulua Drive in Lanikai is fronted on the ocean side by a rubble/rip-rap revetment that protects the property from coastal erosion damage. The site location is shown in Figure 1. A home on the property is located approximately 24 feet from the certified shoreline and less than 10 feet from the top of the existing revetment. Erosion from wave action and rainwater runoff has damaged the revetment exposing the house to potential damage from waves or shifting soil at the foundation.

Oceanit Coastal Corporation (OCC) evaluated the existing revetment and determined that it was not properly designed or constructed. However, the revetment does provide needed shore protection. Without the revetment, the house would be threatened and probably damaged. It is OCC's recommendation that the existing revetment be replaced with one that is designed and constructed according to accepted coastal engineering practices. No other solution was identified that meets both technical and regulatory requirements.

The new revetment will be constructed in the Shoreline Setback area and will require a Shoreline Setback Variance (SV) from the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, Chapter 23, Section 23-1.5, Prohibitions within the shoreline area.

B. TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

1. Use Characteristics

The proposed rubble revetment will replace an existing revetment and will protect the property from wave and current induced coastal erosion.

2. Physical Characteristics

Property Layout

A shoreline survey map is included in Appendix A. The site plan is shown in Figure 2.

Shoreline Conditions

An aerial photograph of the property and nearshore area taken in 1990 is shown as Figure 3. Photographs of the existing revetment are shown in Figure 4. The existing revetment consists of relatively small stones ranging from 6-18 inches nominal diameter. The revetment extends onto neighboring property to the south. The revetment is contained on the north by a CRM seawall and on the south by a concrete water tank that acts as a seawall. A house is located at

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the top of the revetment approximately 10.5 feet above sea level. The offshore bottom is flat and consists of mixed sand, rock, and reef material. Water depth is less than 6 feet deep out to a reef approximately 1800 feet offshore. Beach/revetment profiles are shown in Figure 5. These profiles vary seasonally.

The property is located near the north end of Lanikai Beach as shown in the aerial photograph. A well defined beach can be seen to the south of the property while to the north, the beach disappears. The beach width at the site varies seasonally, depending on wave conditions. A long-term erosion study (Sea Engineering, 1988) shows net accretion on both sides of the property through 1988; however, Figure 3 shows only a narrow beach to the north, indicating erosion since the 1988 measurement. In October 1993, there was no beach immediately to the north of the property.

Based on wave patterns and beach shape, the property appears to be located near a beach node where sand transport can move in either direction along the coast. Wave refraction/diffraction patterns taken from an aerial photograph indicate why this occurs as wave fronts can be seen to move in both directions along the coast (Figure 6). The bi-directional movement of sand has also been observed by local residents. During a site visit, a slow current was observed moving to the north. Waves are generally small with larger waves breaking on the offshore reef.

Lanikai Beach is subject to North Pacific swell, tradewind waves, and rarely to hurricane waves. The selected design wave is a 10-year tradewind wave that has a significant wave height of 22 feet and period of 10 seconds. Although larger deepwater waves may occur, waves approaching the shoreline are height limited by the shallow water depth inside the reef. Waves as high as 3 feet have been observed inside the reef by area residents. A hurricane wave was not used for design because hurricane conditions would most likely damage the house regardless of the shore protection structure. A revetment designed for hurricane waves is too large for a residential lot.

Deepwater wave setup combined with high tide will cause the water elevation to rise approximately 4 feet. In this depth, waves approximately 3.5 feet high will break on the revetment. Waves higher than 3.5 feet will break farther offshore and thereby dissipate energy. Therefore, 3.5 feet is used as the design wave height.

Shore Protection Structure Description

The proposed shore protection structure is a rubble revetment with a slope of 1:1.5. Design drawings are included in Appendix B. The revetment has been designed according to Corps of Engineers guidelines. The top of the revetment is at elevation +10.5 feet MSL. The toe of the revetment follows the certified shoreline. The toe stones will be placed on hard substrate and keyed into the bottom for stability. Armor stones will range from 700 to 1200 pounds with 50 percent greater than 900 pounds. Nominal size of this stone ranges from 1.9 to 2.2 feet diameter. Two layers of armor stones will be placed on a bedding layer of 1/10 size stone.

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Filter fabric will be placed between the bedding layer and existing soil to prevent piping. The revetment is flanked on the north by a neighboring CRM wall. The south end of the revetment will be flanked by placing armor stones on a 1:1 slope at the end of the revetment. This slope will be backfilled with sand and smaller stone to blend with the neighboring property. This flanking slope will only be exposed if severe erosion occurs. Under normal conditions, it will be buried.

With a design wave of 3.5 feet, runup on the revetment will be approximately 6-8 feet. Therefore, some overtopping may occur during high wave conditions. The revetment has been designed with a gravel filter to allow overtopping water or rain runoff to drain back into the sea.

Since the revetment is constructed of rubble and is flanked by a CRM wall to the north and a concrete tank to the south, it will have minimal effect on sand transport along the beach. Rubble revetments dissipate wave energy and minimize scour and reflection effects associated with vertical sea walls.

The revetment is designed with a 1:1.5 slope rather than 1:2 because of space constraints. There is insufficient room to construct a 1:2 revetment between the house and the certified shoreline. Excavation for the construction near the house foundation could result in damage from soil movement (Figure 4).

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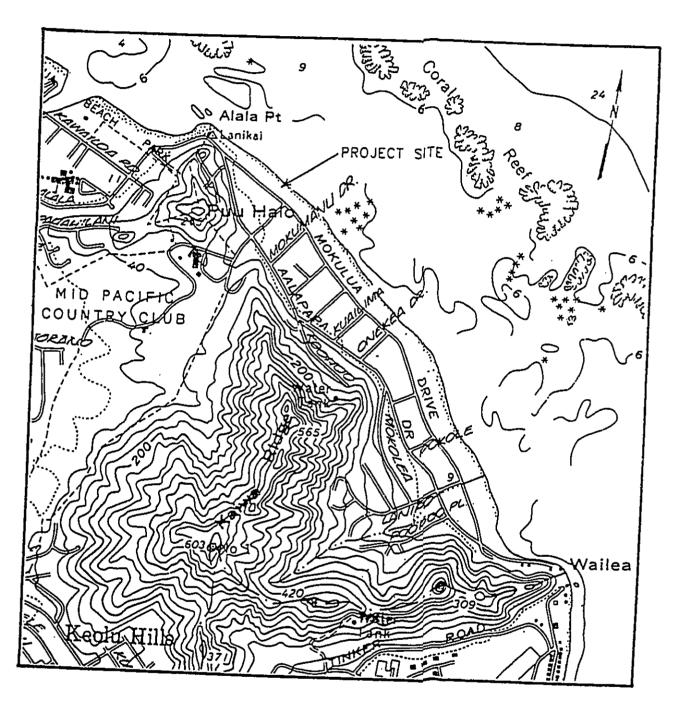


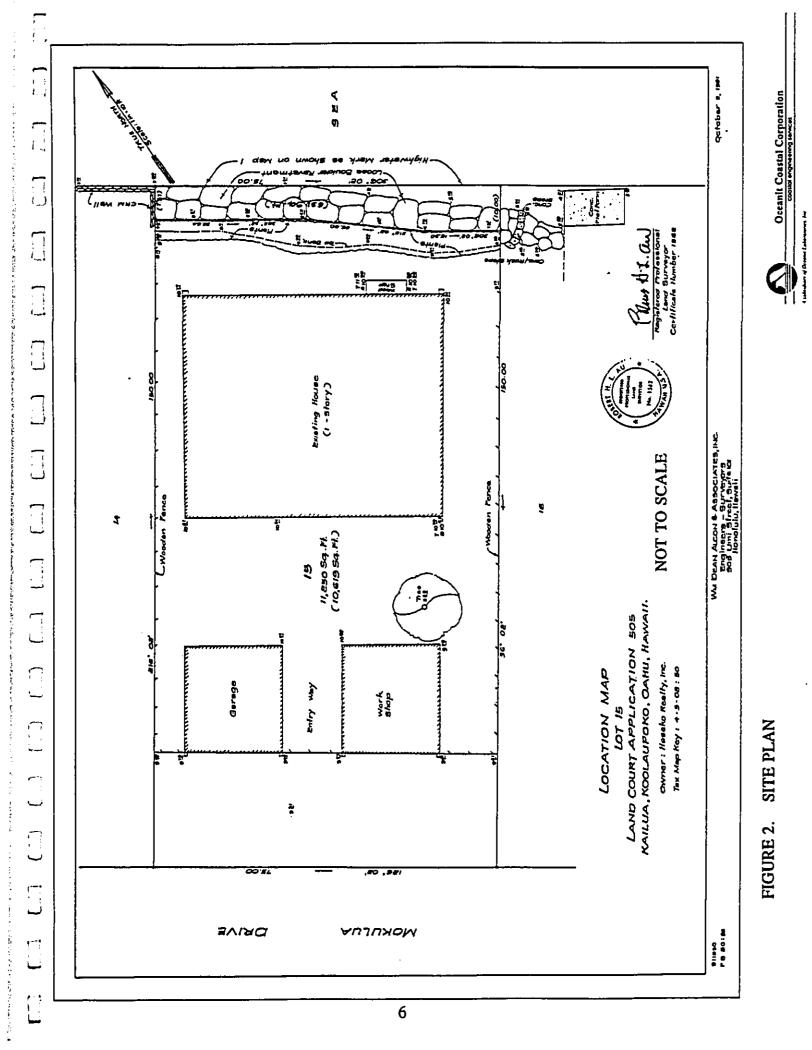
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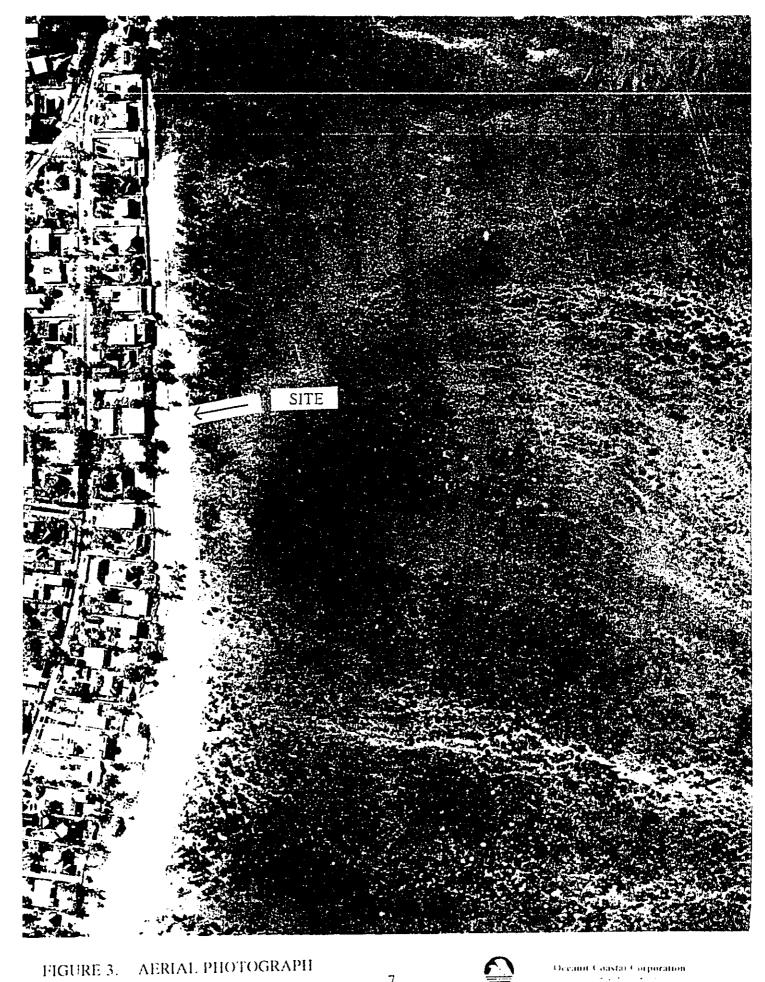


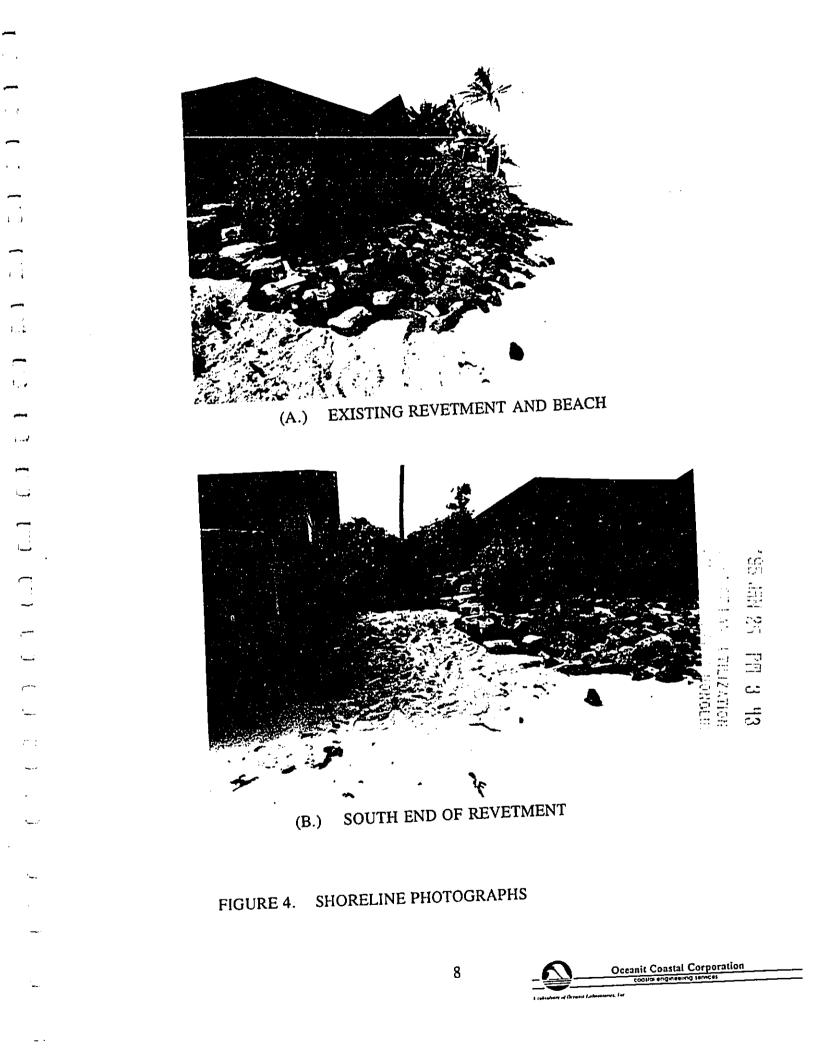
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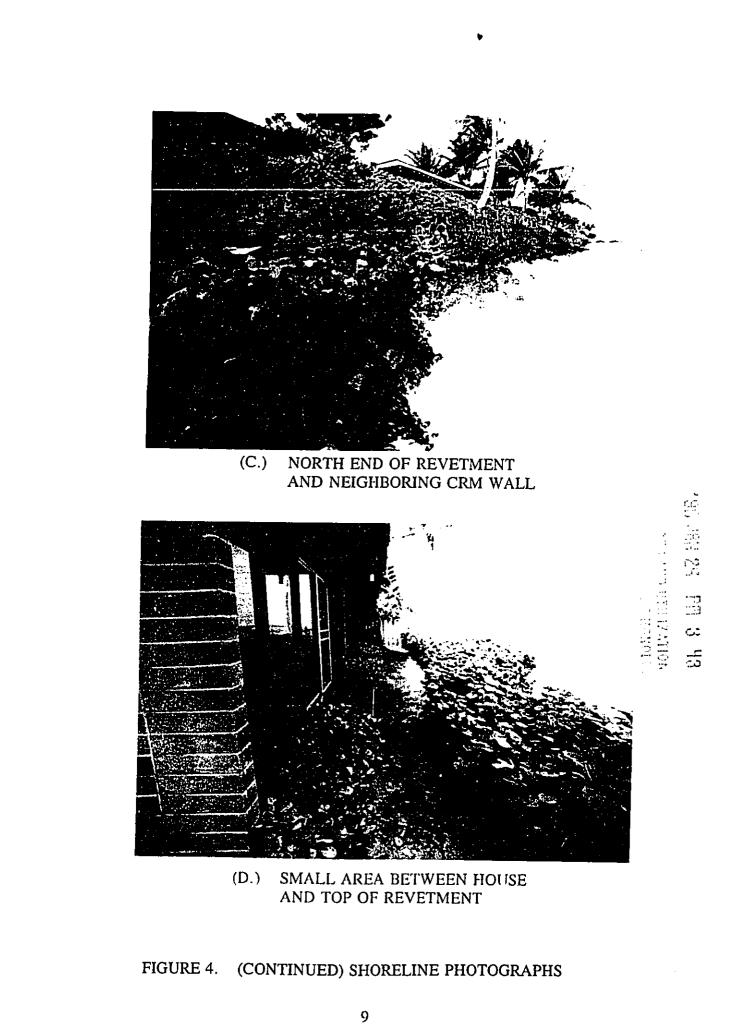
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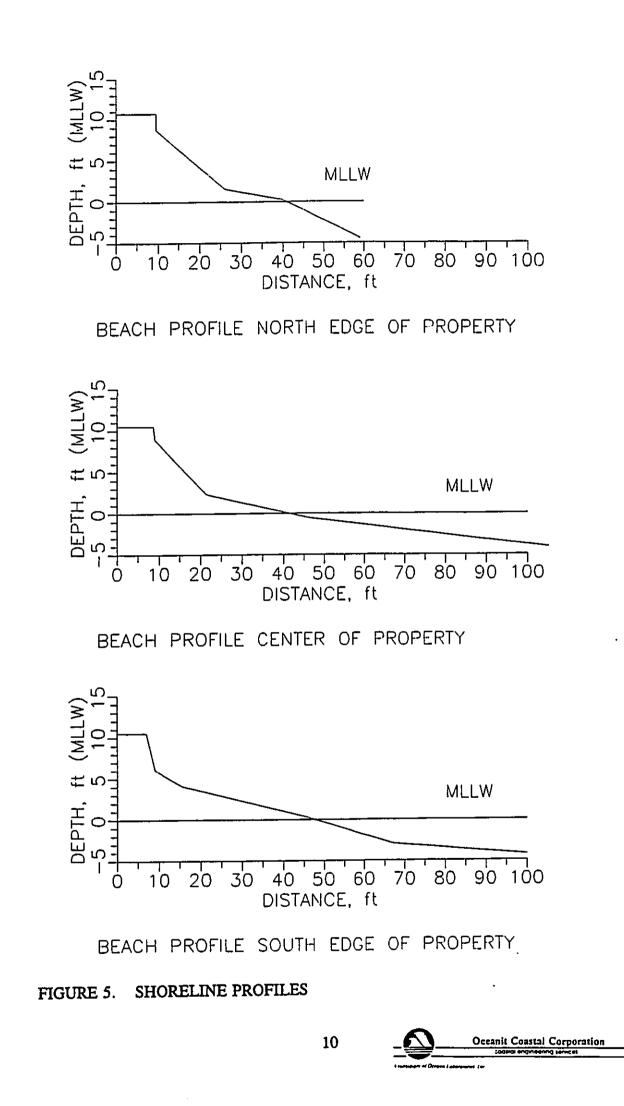
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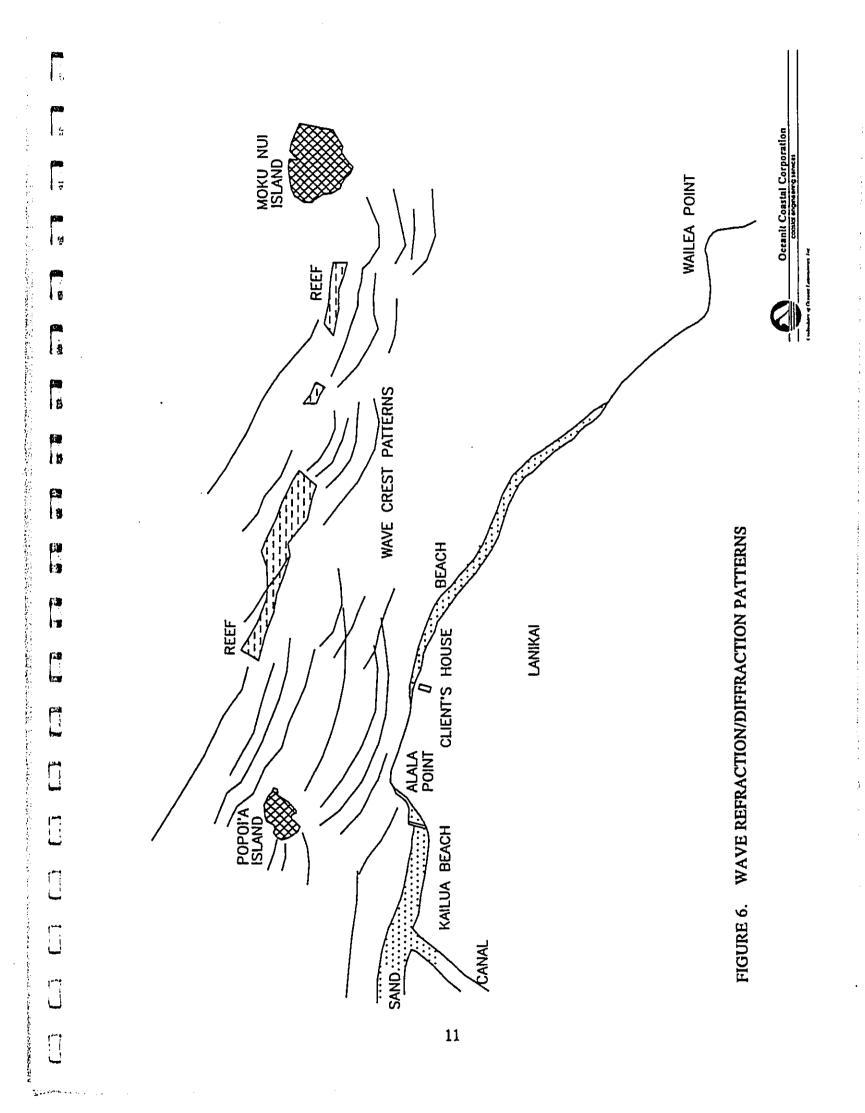
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III. AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The property is located near the north end of Lanikai Beach (Figures 1-3). The area is zoned residential (R-10). The project site is not located in a flood zone although other parts of Lanikai beach are (Figure 7). The proposed revetment is below the existing grade of the lot and does not block coastal views. The project site is the third lot to the north from a beach access right of way. The proposed revetment will not affect beach access, but will make access easier because rocks laying across the beach will be removed. There are no beach parks or recreation areas adjacent to the site; however, Kailua Beach Park is located approximately 1700 feet north along the beach and is separated from Lanikai beach by Alala Point.

IV. IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES

A. IMPACT OF PROPOSED REVETMENT

The revetment has been designed to have minimum impact on beach processes. The random placement of armor stones on a 1:1.5 slope will dissipate wave energy and will not significantly affect sediment transport. The revetment toe will not extend seaward past a line joining the neighboring walls and will not impede longshore transport. A rubble revetment has protected the lot for many years, and a properly designed replacement will not change existing beach conditions. Conditions may be improved by removal of rocks that have previously extended seaward past the waterline.

B. ALTERNATIVES

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Three alternatives other than the selected revetment were considered. These are discussed in the following paragraphs.

Keep the Existing Revetment

The existing revetment has been somewhat effective; however, it was not designed or constructed according to accepted coastal engineering standards. The stones are too small and no filter layer was installed. As a result some erosion has occurred at the top of the revetment and stones have slumped onto the beach. Further erosion could cause soil movement and threaten the house foundation. Replacing the existing revetment will provide better protection for the house.

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Rubble Revetment with 1:2 Slope

A 1:2 revetment reaches nearly to the house foundation. Its construction is considered impractical and could threaten the structural integrity of the house. If a 1:2 revetment was constructed, sheet piling would probably be required to stabilize the house foundation.

Retaining Wall with Rubble Toe

A retaining wall with rubble toe would provide adequate shore protection; however, the Department of Land Utilization encourages alternative shore protection methods because of concern about effects on the beach.

Because the house is threatened and could be damaged, some type of shore protection is required. A 1:1.5 rubble revetment, properly designed and constructed, will provide the greatest protection with minimal impact on beach processes.

V. MITIGATION MEASURES

Because of the negative impact of the revetment on the environment, no mitigation measures are considered necessary.

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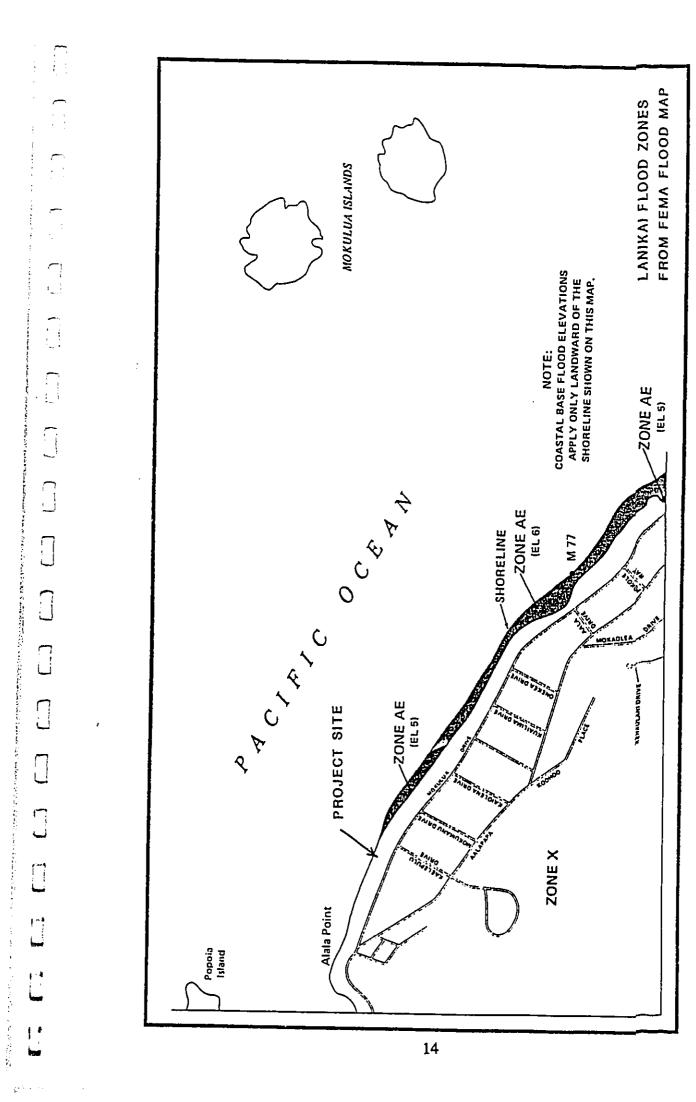
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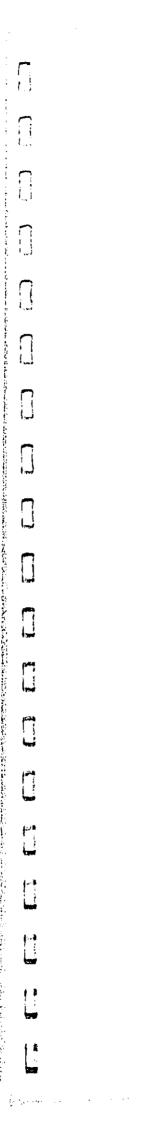


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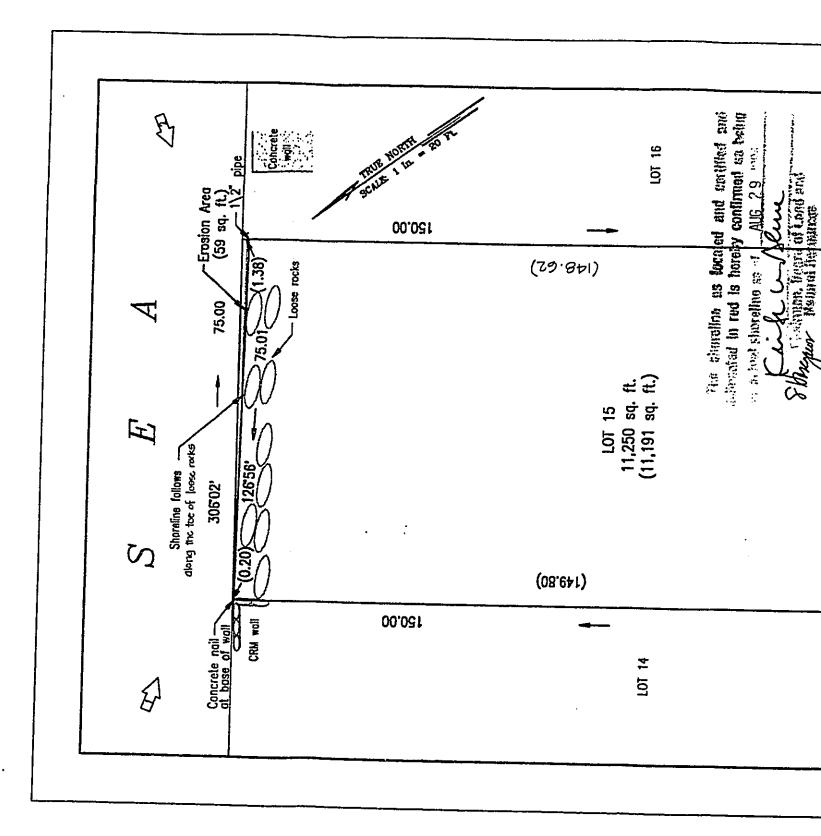
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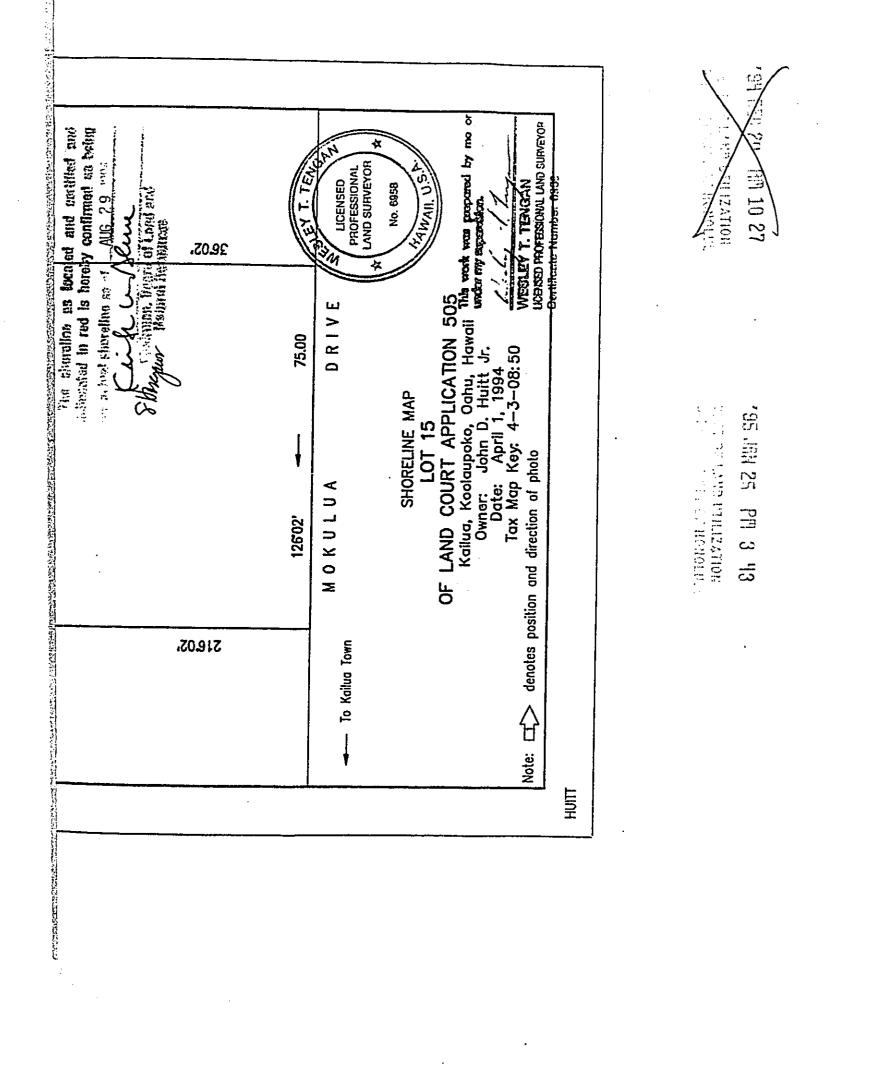


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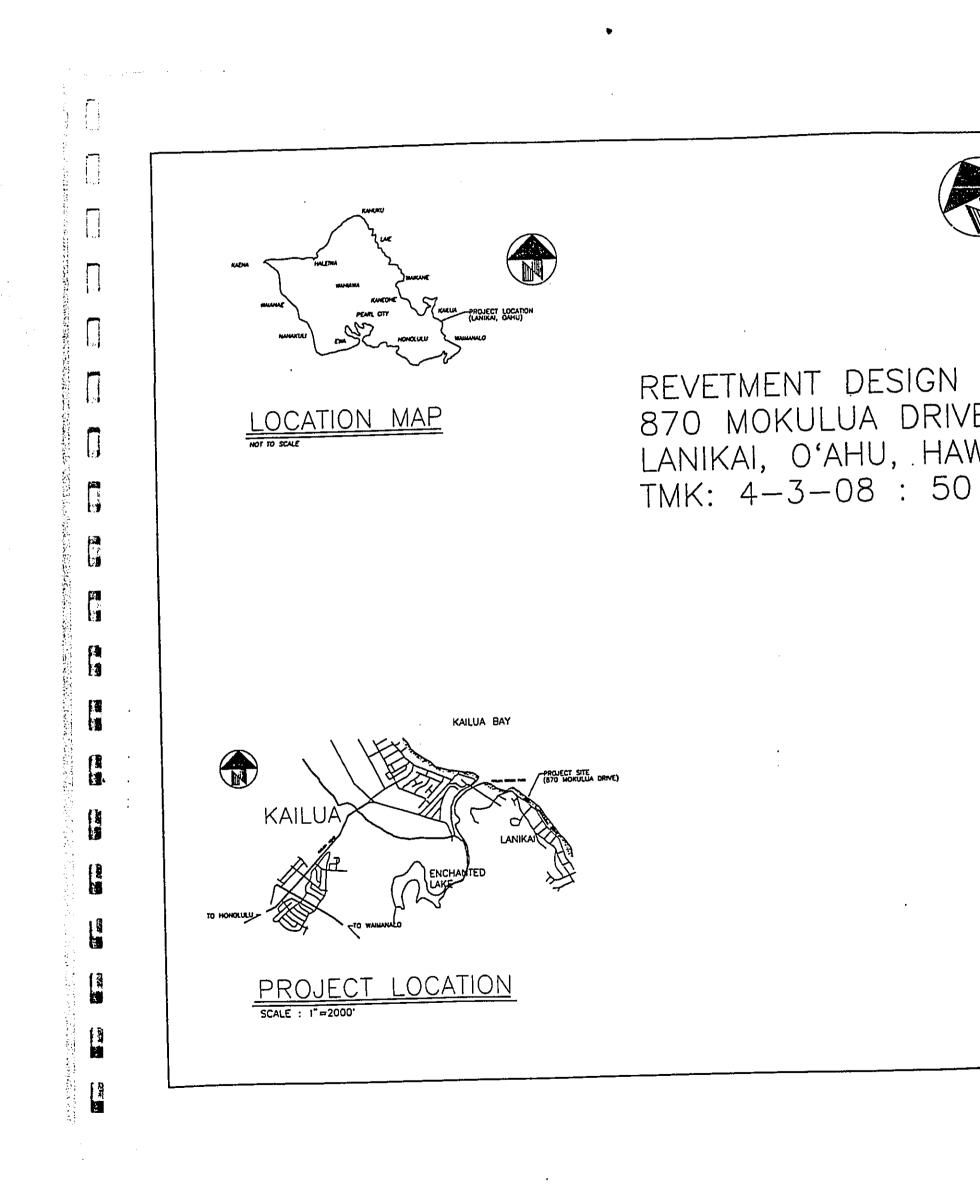
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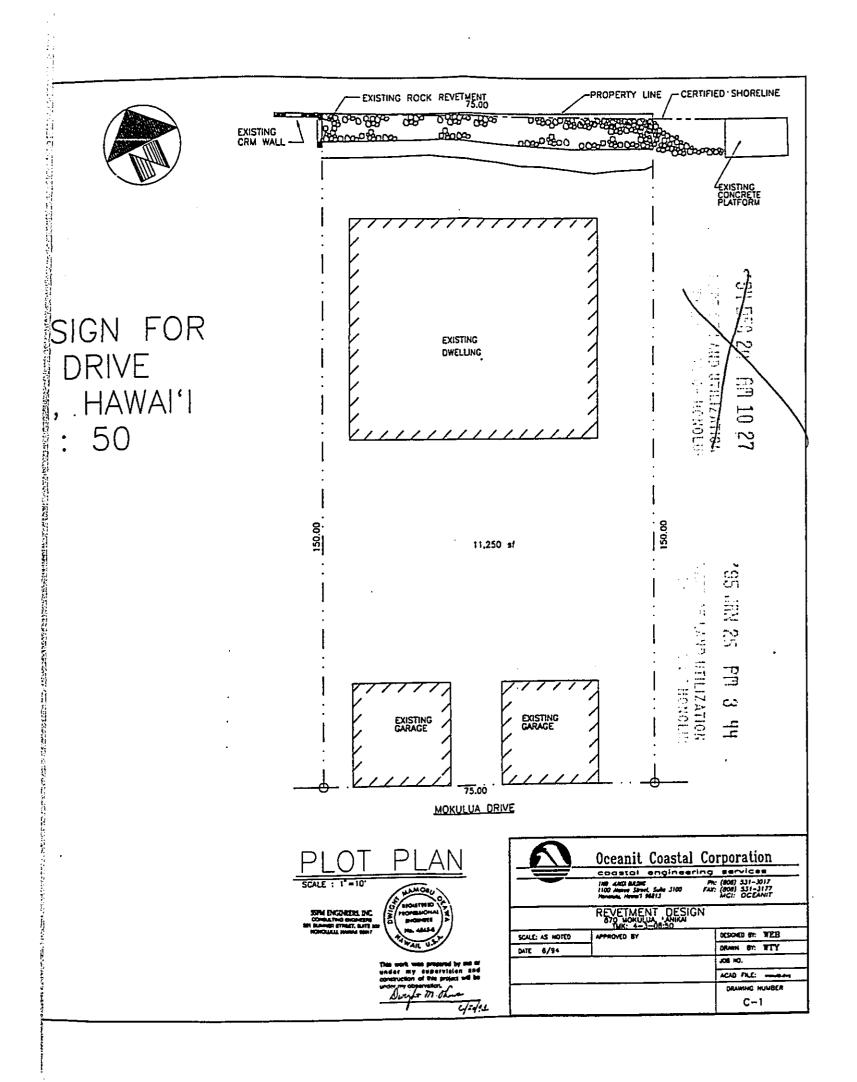
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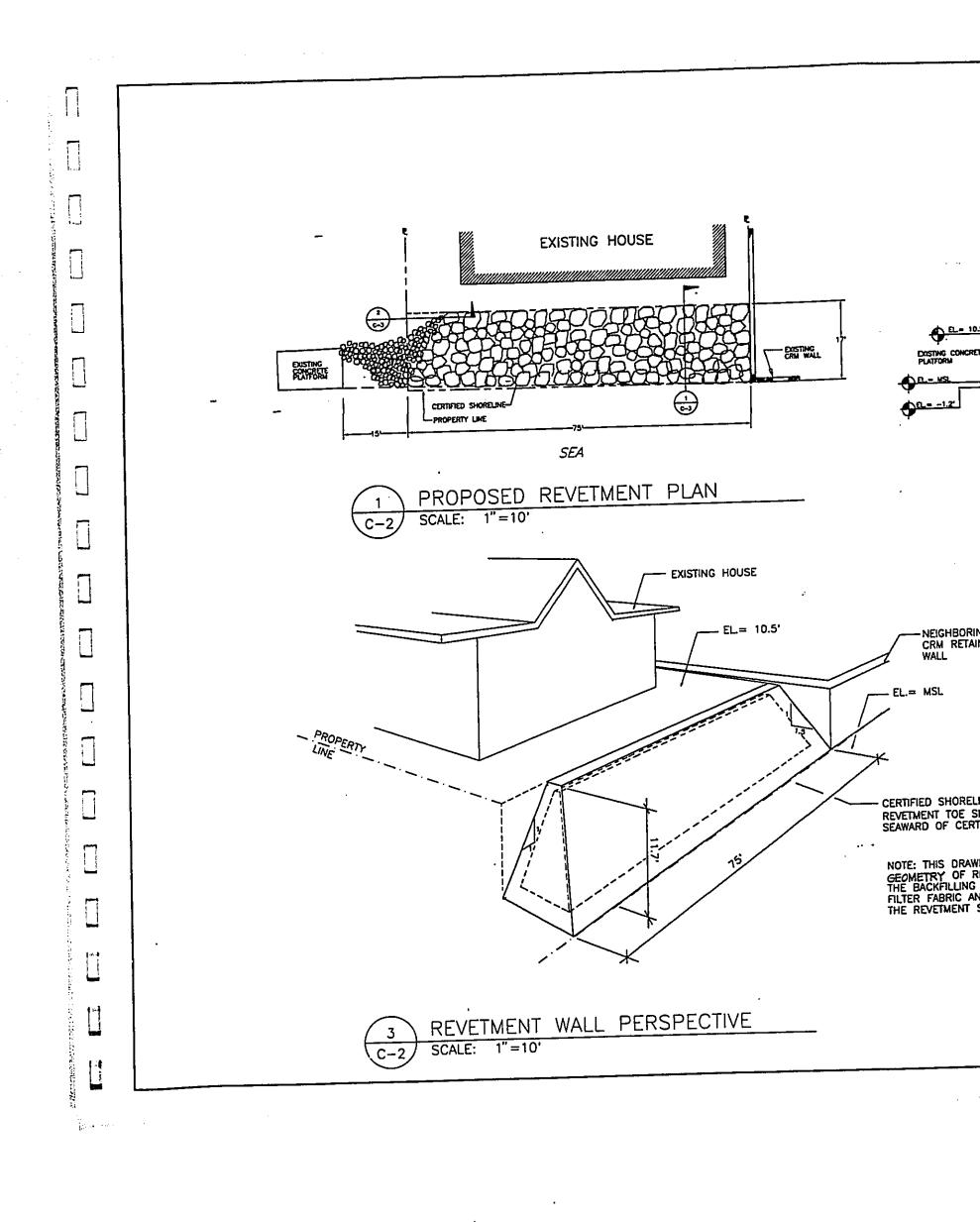


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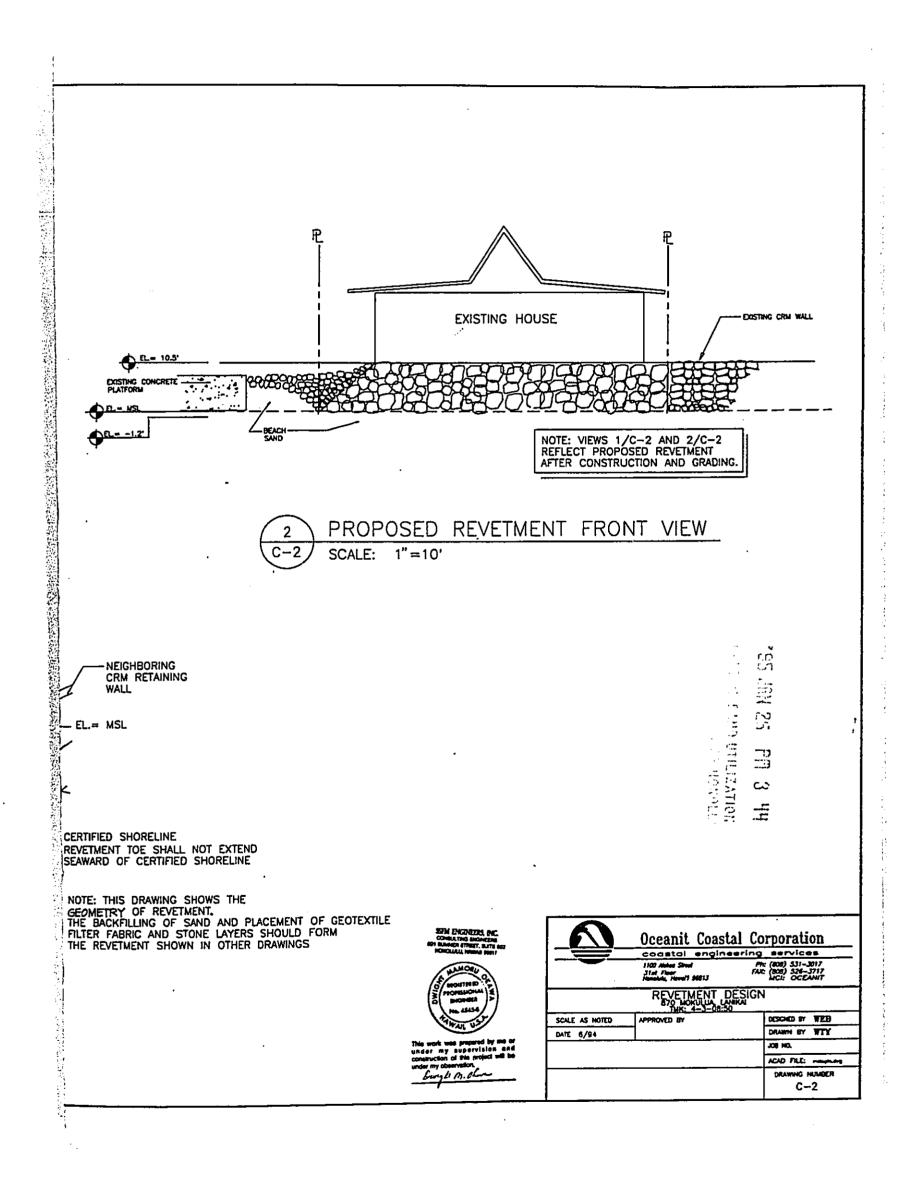
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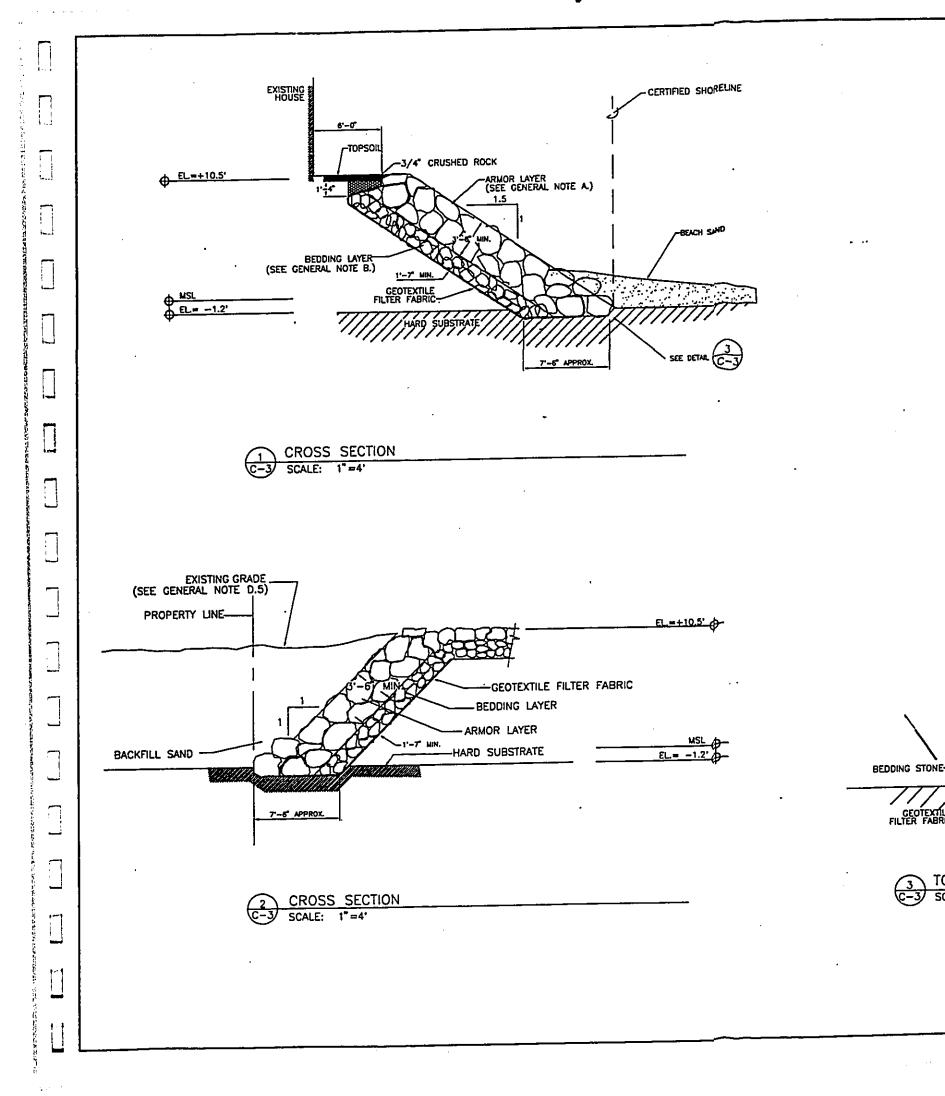


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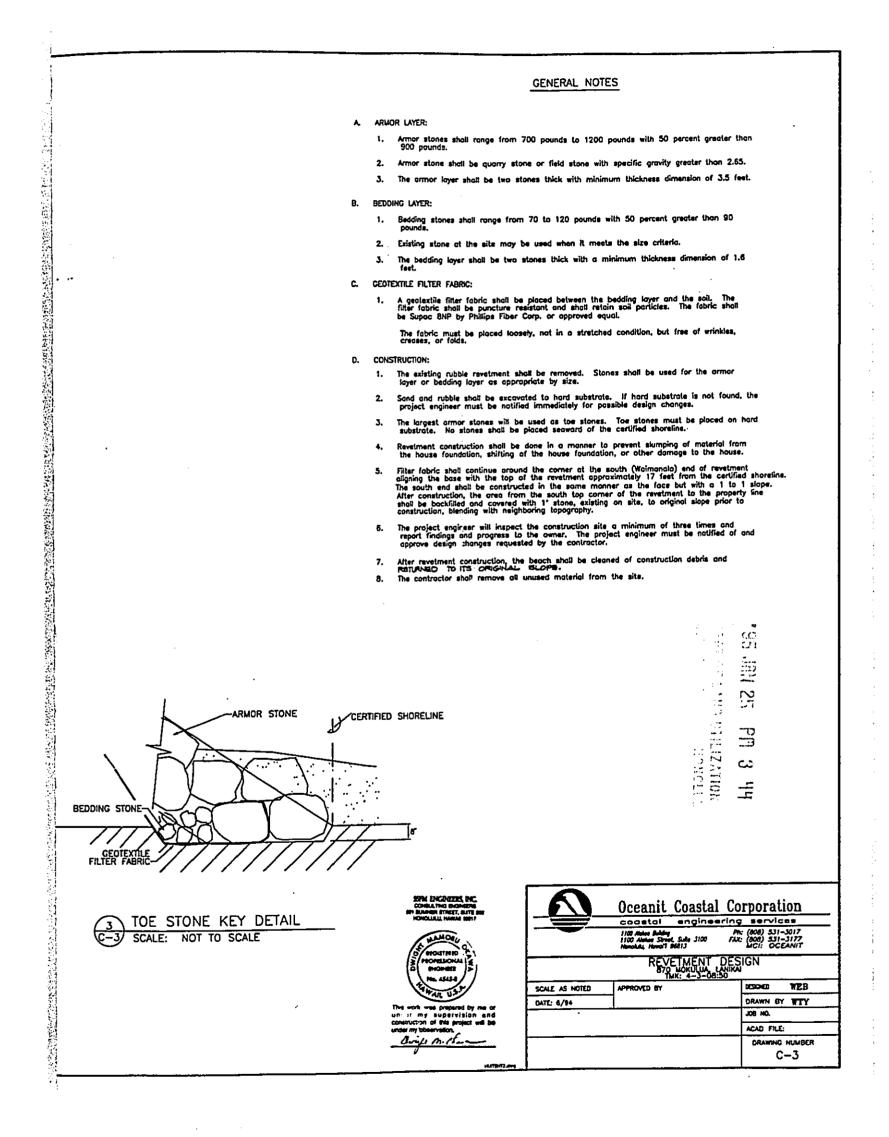


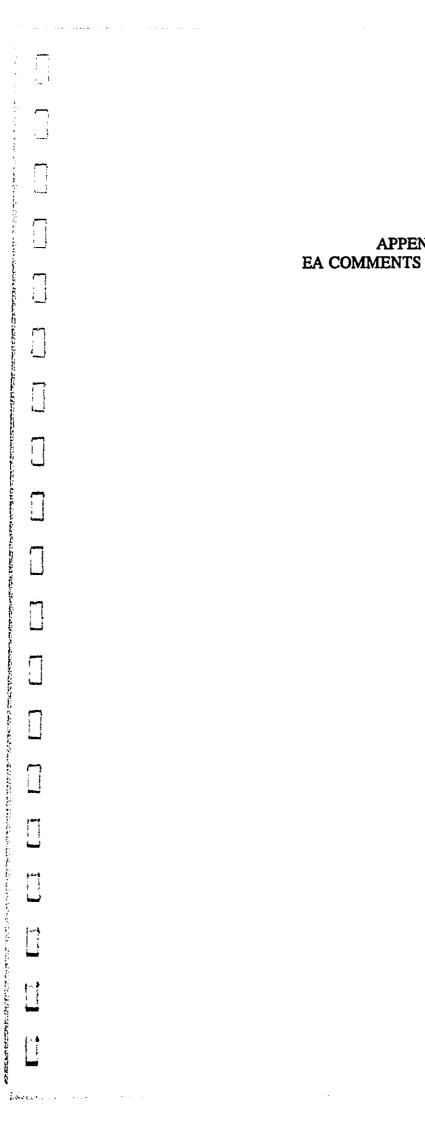
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	E LANIKAI ASSOCIATION • P. O. BOX 481 • KAILUA, DAHU 967 September 15, 1994
	Department of Land Utilization 650 S. King St.
	Honolulu, HI 96813
	Attention: Ardis Shaw-Kim
	The fellering comparise from the Ten it is the ten to the ten the ten the ten the ten ten the ten ten ten ten ten ten ten ten ten te
<u> </u>	The following comments from the Lanikai Association are in regard to the Huitt Lanikai Revetment Replacement, TMK 4-3-8-50,
<u>ا</u>	applicant, John D. Huitt Jr.
-	According to City and County records, the rubble/rip-rap revet-
i_j	ment that is currently in place is an illegal wall, having been
	constructed some time after 1967 without any permit being issued.
	relatively small size and any serious storm action is capable of \mathbb{C} $\stackrel{\infty}{\longrightarrow}$
اا	rolling them down into the surf where they pose a hazzard.
	The concerns of the Lanikai Association are as follows:
,	What will be the impact of this construction on the adjacent
-	waters of Lanikai Bay and the sliver of sandy beach that is
<u> </u>	attempting to make a comeback? In the past months a small sand strip has reappeared in this area. If increased erosion to
	neighboring properties occurs as a result of this construction.
	who would be responsible: the city, the engineers, the property owner? Will there be any redress?
	Will all the rubble of the current wall, plus any generated during and after construction, be removed from both the shoreline
فسيبه	and offshore water? Who will monitor compliance? In the 1300
	block of Mokulua Drive, 4 revetments were constructed to replace illegal and deteriorating walls in 1990 and 1991. The companies
	doing the construction left behind in the surf area rock and
1-1	rubble, large and small, that has since dispersed down the beach for a half mile in a northerly direction. This rubble consti-
t i	tutes a serious hazzard for all beach and surf users. No one has
	been held responsible. No attempt was made by the construction companies, owners of 3 of the properties, the city or the state
g ur di e boner	to clean up the detritus . Will this happen again?
-	How was the 1-1/1-1.5 slope for the revetment determined? Is
1-4	this angle sufficient to discourage erosion? The contractor
(72 6)	doing the renovation to the existing house pointed out to us the perilously close location of the house to the water's edge. He
ę z	said a longer slope would bring the top of the revetment to the
179	edge of the house foundations. Should they not consider

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relocating the house further back on the lot altogether, since extensive renovations are planned? The city needs to take relocation into consideration when issuing permits in such cases.

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How can we be sure that the toe of the revetment will extend no \cdot farther into the ocean than the existing illegal revetment?

We appreciate your interest in our comments and look forward to hearing from you concerning the DLU's decision.

Sincerely,

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Mollie Foti, Chair, Beach Erosion Committee



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November 3, 1994

Ms. Mollie Foti Chair, Beach Erosion Committee The Lanikai Association P.O. Box 481 Kailua, HI 96734

Subject:

Response to Comments on Huitt Revetment Construction, 870 Mokulua Drive, Lanikai, TMK 4-3-8:50

Dear Ms. Foti:

We have received and reviewed your comments on the subject revetment construction. As you stated, the existing revetment is constructed of relatively small rocks that could be moved in serious storm action. Since the revetment has suffered some erosion damage, and shifting soil is threatening the house foundation; the owner would like to have it properly designed and constructed.

The beach in front of the property varies in size seasonally and with wave conditions. According to reports from the owner, the beach grew substantially in the summer of 1994. It will most likely reduce in size during the winter. We do not anticipate any increased erosion to the beach in front of the property or the neighboring property. The new revetment will not affect the beach any differently than the existing revetment and is designed to be more stable. Rocks from the new revetment should remain in place under most wave conditions and should not be carried onto the beach as has happened in the past.

The specification for building the revetment requires that the contractor restore the beach to its original condition after construction. The construction will be monitored by the professional engineer who seals the design drawings and by Oceanit's design engineers. Should the contractor not comply with the specification, the engineers will not certify completion and payment may be withheld by the property owner.

The slope of the front face of the revetment is 1 vertical to 1.5 horizontal. This is the maximum slope recommended by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in their coastal design manuals. Slopes of this steepness or shallower generally have minimum effect on beach sediment transport and may encourage beach growth in some cases. A revetment shallower than 1:1.5 will require excavation very close to the house foundation and could result in soil slumping and resulting damage to the house. The house has already started to crack due to soil movement probably caused by erosion

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at the existing revetment. In addition, the owner would not be able to use the seaward door of the house because there would be no place to walk. Presently there is approximately 8-10 feet of level space between the wall of the house and the top of the revetment. Moving the house back is not a viable solution because of the high cost and potential for damage.

The toe of the revetment will extend no further seaward than the certified shoreline. At the certified shoreline, the toe will be covered with sand under most wave conditions. Construction will be inspected by a professional engineer who will have to certify that the revetment is constructed according to the specification. A contractor who does not follow the specification may be required to redo the revetment or may not be paid by the owner.

We hope your concerns have been adequately addressed. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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Warren E. Bucher, Ph.D. Senior Ocean Engineer

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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF **Operations** Division August 24, 1994

Mr. Donald A. Clegg Director · Department of Land Utilization 650 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Clegg:

This is in response to your July 26, 1994 letter regarding the proposed Huitt revetment at 870 Mokulua Drive, Lanikai, Oahu, TMK: 4-3-008: 050. The project involves the replacement of an existing revetment fronting the shoreline of a Lanikai residence.

Based on our review of the Environmental Assessment, the toe of the revetment appears to be landward of the certified shoreline and above the mean high water (MHW) line. Provided that none of the construction work, including temporary structures, fill or equipment activity, extends below the MHW line, a Department of the Army permit is not required.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this proposal. File No. NP 94-113 has been assigned to this project. Please refer to this number in future correspondence.

Sincerely,

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AmMichael T. Lee

Chief, Operations Division



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November 8, 1994

Mr. Michael T. Lee Chief, Operations division Department of The Army U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu Fort Shafter, HI 96858-5440

Subject: Proposed Revetment at 870 Mokulua Drive, Lanikai, Oahu, TMK 4-3-8:50; Reference File No. NP 94-113

Dear Mr. Lee:

Thank you for your comments on the subject revetment construction. As you stated, the design specifications for this revetment require the contractor to place the toe landward of the certified shoreline. However, although the construction method has not yet been determined, it may be necessary to operate equipment such as a small backhoe on the beach. This disturbance will be temporary, and the specifications require the contractor to return the beach to its original condition after completion of construction. The revetment construction will be monitored by a professional engineer to ensure that specifications are met. The property owner and construction contractor will be informed of the conditions requiring a Department of the Army Permit.

Should you require further information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Warren E. Bucher, Ph.D. Senior Ocean Engineer

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DONALD A. CLEGG, DIRECTOR TO: DEPARTMENT OF LAND UTILIZATION

WALTER M. OZAWA, DIRECTOR FROM;

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, CHAPTER 343, HRS SUBJECT: PROJECTS WITHIN THE SHORELINE SETBACK REFERENCE NO. 94/SV-005 (ASK)

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment on this environmental assessment for the Huitt revetment at 870 Mokulua Drive, Lanikai, Tax Map Key 4-3-8: 50.

The sandy beaches of Kailua and Lanikai are one of this island's most valued public recreational resources. The lateral access along the sandy beach at Lanikai is heavily used by the public. For these reasons, our department supports those actions which will preserve or enhance the beach in this area.

If you have any questions, please call John Morihara of our Advance Planning Branch at extension 4246.

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For WALTER M. OZAWA, Director

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	November 8, 1994
-	Mr. Walter M. Ozawa, Director
	Department of Parks and Recreation
	City and County of Honolulu
	650 South King Street Honolulu, HI 96813
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	Subject: Environmental Assessment for Revetment at 870 Mokulua Drive, Lanikai, TMK 4-3-8:50; Reference No. 94/SV-005(ASK)
	Dear Mr. Ozawa:
)	Thank you for you comments on the subject environmental assessment. Oceanit
7	Coastal Corporation and the property owner are very concerned with the condition of
	Lanikai Beach. This project has been designed in the best way possible to preserve the beach for public use. The new revetment will be more stable than the existing one,
~	resulting in fewer rocks being carried onto the beach by severe wave action and less
5	potential interference with beach use.
1	If we can provide further information, please contact us.
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	AU	G 29 1994	FILE NO.: DOC. ID.:	95–063 4854	CONVEYANCES FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAND MANAGEMENT STATE PARKS WATER AND LAND DEVELOPMENT
	The Honorable Don Department of Lan City and County of 650 South King St Honolulu, Hawaii	f Honolulu reet			
_	Dear Mr. Clegg:				
	SUBJECT: Enviro Huitt	nmental Àssessment (EA) Revetment, Lanikai, Oahu	& Shoreline Va ; TMK: 43-06	ariance (9 3:	4/SV-005):
		the application informat ur memorandum dated July	ion for the s	ubject pro	ject 5 following 5
	Division of Aquat	ic Resources			
	The Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) comments that limited nearshore turbidity may occur and lateral shoreline access may be temporarily disrupted during construction activities. However, no significant long-term impact adverse to aquatic resource values is expected from the replacement of the damaged rock revetment.				
	Revetment construction should only be allowed mauka of the applicants' certified shoreline because of ongoing erosion/accretion activity along Lanikai Beach. Hazards may exist on the beach from rubble encroaching on State land from the former revetment, and fishing and other active public use of ocean recreational opportunities along Lanikai beach could be affected adversely. Further, the potential for State liability could exist if accidents result from obstacles on public land.				
1-4 1-4 1-4	Finally precautions should be taken during reconstruction activities to prevent debris, wastes, eroded materials, petroleum products, and other contaminants from excessively entering the marine environment.				
1757 1 3	We also note tha 587-0433, for a	t the Division of Land M right-of-entry for acces	ianagement shou	ild be cont	tacted at certified
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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, hunder KEITH W. AHUE

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Mr. Keith W. Ahue, Chairperson State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources P.O. Box 621 Honolulu, HI 96809

Subject: Environmental Assessment and Shoreline Variance (94/SV-005): Revetment at 870 Mokulua, Lanikai, Oahu, TMK 4-3-08:50 File No. 95-063; Doc. ID, 4854

Dear Mr. Ahue:

Thank you for your department's comments on the subject environmental assessment. We agree with the Division of Aquatic Resources' comment that limited nearshore turbidity may occur, and shoreline access may be temporarily limited during revetment construction. We anticipate that construction should take less than two weeks, depending on weather or other unforseen problems. Every effort will be made to minimize impacts to the beach. The construction plans and specifications require the contractor to return the beach to its original condition after construction. This means that construction debris will be removed. Construction activity will be monitored by a professional engineer, and design conditions must be met before the revetment is certified as completed.

The property owner and construction contractor will be notified to contact the Division of Land Management for a right-of-entry for access to areas makai of the certified shoreline.

If you have additional comments or we can provide further information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Wanen E Bucher Warren E. Bucher, Ph.D.

Senior Ocean Engineer

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