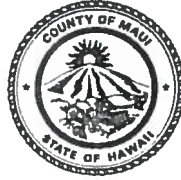


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**COUNTY OF MAUI  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**  
2050 MAIN STREET, SUITE 2B  
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793

March 23, 2018

Scott Glenn, Director  
State of Hawaii  
Office of Environmental Quality Control  
235 S. Beretania Street, Room 702  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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QUALITY CONTROL

RE: Acceptance of Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Renewable Energy Conversion and Sludge Processing for the Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility, 281 Amala Place, Kahului, Hawaii 96793; TMK (2)3-8-001:188

Dear Mr. Glenn:

Please be informed that on March 23, 2018, the County of Maui Department of Environmental Management (DEM) approved the acceptance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Renewable Energy Conversion and Sludge Processing for the Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility. With this letter the DEM hereby accepts the FEIS submitted by the Applicant, Maui All Natural Alternative, and published by the OEQC in the March 23, 2018, issue of the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) bulletin (the Environmental Notice). The notice of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for this proposed project was published in the December 23, 2017, issue of the Environmental Notice.

All substantive comments received by the applicant during the DEIS comment period were responded to in writing. Copies of all comments received and the responses thereto are contained within and incorporated into the submitted FEIS. Publication of this acceptance in the Environmental Notice on April 8, 2018, will initiate a 60-day limitation of action period.

In their submittal of documents for publication of the FEIS in the March 23, 2018, issue of the Environmental Notice, the Applicant provided all required documentation to the OEQC, including a completed OEQC publication form, electronic and hard copies of the FEIS, and an electronic copy of the publication form in MS Word format. On March 13, 2018, the OEQC corrected and verified the accuracy of the Applicant's notification list; we understand that the Applicant has timely notified all applicable entities of the publication of the FEIS in


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the March 23, 2018, issue of the Environmental Notice, and provided copies of the FEIS to the State Library System's Hawai'i Documents Center.

If you have any questions about this acceptance, please contact me at 2050 Main Street, Suite 2B, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793, [stewart.stant@co.maui.hi.us](mailto:stewart.stant@co.maui.hi.us), or (808) 270-8230.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stewart Stant". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

STEWART STANT  
Director

cc: Jeff Walsh, Maui All Natural Alternative

## APPLICANT PUBLICATION FORM

Project Name:	Renewable energy conversion and sludge processing for the Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WKKWRF)
Project Short Name:	WKKWRF Renewable Energy Project
HRS §343-5 Trigger(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of State or County Lands or the use of State and County funds</li> <li>• Use of land classified as Conservation District</li> <li>• Wastewater Treatment Unit</li> </ul> <p>Members of the public also identified triggers for:</p> <p>a) Use within a shoreline area as defined in section 205A-41</p> <p>b) Power-generating facility.</p>
Island(s):	Maui
Judicial District(s):	Wailuku District
TMK(s):	(2) 3-8-001:188 (portion)
Permit(s)/Approval(s):	<p>Environmental Impact Statement( EIS), Special Management Area application and approval, Conservation District Use Permit, Department of Health Clean Air Branch, Non-Covered Source Air Permit, County of Maui Construction and Building Permits (Electrical, Fire, Plumbing, Grading) Community Noise Permit, as applicable; Special Flood Hazard Area Development Permit, as applicable, Federal Aviation Administration Notice of Proposed Construction, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. Wastewater biosolids to Class A fertilizer use permit in accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapter 11-62, Subchapter 4, Wastewater Sludge Use and Disposal.</p> <p>Compliance to all applicable provisions of the HAR, Chapter 11-62, Wastewater Systems, including provisions for Waste Water Treatment. Land application of digestate produced by the anaerobic digestion process will be regulated and approved by the Department of Health.</p> <p>Compliance with the State of Hawaii, Historical Preservation District, HAR 13-275-3 including application for Archeological Inventory Study and approval of the Study. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (as applicable)</p>
Approving Agency:	County of Maui, Department of Environmental Management
<i>Contact Name, Email, Telephone, Address</i>	Director Stewart Stant, stewart.stant@co.maui.hi.us, 808-270-7431, 2050 Main Street, Suite 2B, Wailuku, HI 96793
Applicant:	Maui All Natural Alternative, LLC (MANA)
<i>Contact Name, Email, Telephone, Address</i>	Jeff Walsh, jeff.walsh@anaergia.com (808) 729-1495; (760) 436-8870 X-108 5780 Fleet Street, Suite 310, Carlsbad, CA 92008
Consultant:	None
<i>Contact Name, Email, Telephone, Address</i>	

**Status (select one)**
 DEA-AFNSI
**Submittal Requirements**

Submit 1) the approving agency notice of determination/transmittal letter on agency letterhead, 2) this completed OEQC publication form as a Word file, 3) a hard copy of

the DEA, and 4) a searchable PDF of the DEA; a 30-day comment period follows from the date of publication in the Notice.

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- Act 172-12  
EISPN ("Direct to  
EIS") Submit 1) the approving agency notice of determination letter on agency letterhead and 2) this completed OEQC publication form as a Word file; no EA is required and a 30-day comment period follows from the date of publication in the Notice.
- DEIS Submit 1) a transmittal letter to the OEQC and to the approving agency, 2) this completed OEQC publication form as a Word file, 3) a hard copy of the DEIS, 4) a searchable PDF of the DEIS, and 5) a searchable PDF of the distribution list; a 45-day comment period follows from the date of publication in the Notice.
- FEIS Submit 1) a transmittal letter to the OEQC and to the approving agency, 2) this completed OEQC publication form as a Word file, 3) a hard copy of the FEIS, 4) a searchable PDF of the FEIS, and 5) a searchable PDF of the distribution list; no comment period follows from publication in the Notice.
- FEIS Acceptance  
Determination The approving agency simultaneously transmits to both the OEQC and the applicant a letter of its determination of acceptance or nonacceptance (pursuant to Section 11-200-23, HAR) of the FEIS; no comment period ensues upon publication in the Notice.
- FEIS Statutory  
Acceptance The approving agency simultaneously transmits to both the OEQC and the applicant a notice that it did not make a timely determination on the acceptance or nonacceptance of the applicant's FEIS under Section 343-5(c), HRS, and therefore the applicant's FEIS is deemed accepted as a matter of law.
- Supplemental  
EIS  
Determination The approving agency simultaneously transmits its notice to both the applicant and the OEQC that it has reviewed (pursuant to Section 11-200-27, HAR) the previously accepted FEIS and determines that a supplemental EIS is or is not required; no EA is required and no comment period ensues upon publication in the Notice.
- Withdrawal Identify the specific document(s) to withdraw and explain in the project summary section.
- Other Contact the OEQC if your action is not one of the above items.

**Project Summary**

Provide a description of the proposed action and purpose and need in 200 words or less.

The County selected Maui All Natural Alternative, LLC ("MANA") at the conclusion of an RFP process for a renewable energy and sludge drying solution. MANA proposed to install an anaerobic digester and associated appurtenances onsite, which will anaerobically digest energy crops anticipated to be grown on former Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar (HC&S) plantation lands and sourced locally from Central Maui Feedstocks, LLC. The product of the anaerobic digestion process is renewable methane in the form of biogas that is treated on site and used to fuel a combined heat and power (CHP) engine for electrical power generation. Recovered heat from the CHP with additional biogas will provide the heat for the drying of all the municipally generated wastewater biosolids produced on Maui. The Project is not designed to export electrical energy to the grid. The entire facility will be located on the west side of the existing aerobic blower building and well within the confines of the WKWWRf. All energy crops are expected to be grown on existing agricultural land.

The Project goals are to provide locally sourced renewable energy to assist the County of Maui in achieving its renewable goals and to provide a long term sustainable solution for biosolids management.