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Via email: oeqchawaii@doh.hawaii.gov

Scott Glenn, Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control
225 South Beretania Street, Suite 702
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Exemption Declaration for Kona Community Hospital Cancer Center

Dear Director Glenn,

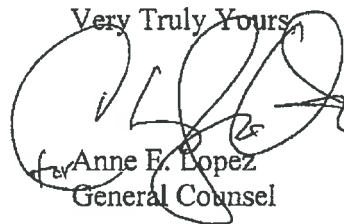
Pursuant to section 343-5(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), and section 11-200-8, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR"), Hawaii Health Systems Corporation ("HHSC") has determined that the construction or placement of minor structure as an accessory to the existing Cancer Center located at the Kona Community Hospital is exempt from chapter 343, HRS, because it will have minimal or no significant effect on the environment.

The Exemption Declaration for Kona Community Hospital Cancer Center describes the intended action and why it is exempt from chapter 343, HRS. In addition, it describes the minimal environmental impact, as well as mitigation efforts.

HHSC wishes to ensure that the community has the opportunity to review its plans to expand the Cancer Center that will positively affect the welfare of the West Hawaii community.

If you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 733-4034.

Very Truly Yours,



for Anne E. Lopez
General Counsel

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TO: 1. Agency-Maintained Public Files for Chapter 343 HRS Exemption Determinations
2. Office of Environmental Quality Control
3. Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

FROM: Anne E. Lopez, Chief Operating Officer/General Counsel

SUBJECT: Exemption Declaration for Kona Community Hospital Cancer Center

DATE: 3/11/2016

AGENCY OR APPLICANT ACTION

Check applicable box

- This exempted action is an agency action as defined by Section 343-5(b), HRS, and Section 11-200-5, HAR
- This exempted action is an applicant action as defined by Section 343-5(c), HRS, and Section 11-200-6, HAR

SPECIFY EXEMPTION CLASS:

Check applicable box

- The Exemption Declaration for the action described below is based on the Exemption List for the [name of agency], reviewed and concurred to by the Environmental Council on [date of concurrence].
- Exemption List Class ____.
 - Item Number ____.
 - Applicable language from the exemption list: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- The Exemption Declaration for the action described below is based on the consultation process prescribed by Section 11-200-8(a), Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), Exemption Class (6).

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION

Proposing Agency or Applicant: Hawaii Health System Corporation

Project Name & Address/Location: Kona Community Hospital Cancer Center Extension, 79-1019 Haukapila Street, Kealahou, Hawaii 96750

Anticipated Start Date: 2/1/2016

Anticipated End Date: 5/31/2016

Island and District: Hawai'i South Kona

Tax Map Key(s) and Latitude/Longitude Coordinates: (3) 7-9-010:081

All Necessary Permits and Approvals: Building, Electrical, Plumbing

NARRATIVE

Describe the action and why it qualifies for the exemption: Pursuant to Rule 11-200-8, Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”), the “construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities” may be declared exempt if it will have minimal or no significant effect on the environment. The proposed structure for the extension of the existing Cancer Center is a portable building of approximately 1,200 square feet in size that will be connected to the existing Cancer Center by an internal hallway. Utilities that will serve the portable building are already in place for the existing facility. These utilities will be connected to the portable. Trenching extending approximately 50 feet will be required for the sole purpose of laying new cable. This building will be utilized for chemotherapy and infusion treatments and will minimally impact the surrounding environment. The Chemotherapy Department is currently located in the patient waiting area of Kona Hospital’s Oncology Department. There is very little privacy for chemotherapy patients; the extension will create a chemotherapy center that is a quiet, private, and a tranquil place for patients to focus on surviving cancer. The extension will also allow the hospital to have an isolation room to accommodate and protect patients with diseases such as Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (an infection caused by a type of staph bacteria that is resistant to many antibiotics). The only restroom in the existing facility is reserved solely for use by chemotherapy patients so as to decrease the exposure of cytotoxic agents to non-chemotherapy patients. The extension will allow the hospital to have enough restrooms to accommodate staff, chemotherapy and non-chemotherapy patients.

RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

Describe the site, including any impacts on the receiving environment: The existing Cancer Center is located in a cleared area with an adjacent parking lot. The location of the proposed extension (portable building) is an area that is currently landscaped with a lawn and will require minimal grading. The area around which the extension will be placed is already improved with buildings, a parking area, and roadway. The attached layout shows the “Existing Special Service Building” that houses the Cancer Center and the specific area where the portable will be located.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

I have considered the potential effects of the proposed project and all related activities against the criteria checked below:

	Not Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Zoning Conformance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic (Vehicles, Bicycles, Pedestrian)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure (Roads, Buildings, Utilities)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality Pollutant Emissions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Noise Emissions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Solid, Hazardous, and Liquid Waste Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Social	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- Recreation
- Public Beach Access
- Cultural Resources and Practices
- Visual/Aesthetic
- Environmental Justice
- Rare, Threatened, and/or Endangered Species
- Surface and Ground Water Resources
- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Riparian/Coastal Resources
- Other

Comments/summary of impact analysis: The 1,200 square foot prefabricated portable building will be placed on an existing landscaped area located between the existing Cancer Center building and a parking lot. Directly in front of the building is an existing roadway. Preparing the land for construction will require minimal grading to level the ground upon which the portable will be placed; the only vegetation removal will be the existing lawn. The portable will be connected to currently existing underground utilities that serve the Cancer Center. Any impact to the environment will be negligible inasmuch as the only construction activity will be limited minimal soil removal and trenching of approximately 50 feet to lay new cable. No new additional parking will be required, the roadway for ingress and egress already exists, and the extension will not impact traffic. Once the construction has been completed, new landscaping will be installed. The placement of the portable and the services to be provided in the portable will have no impact on land resources, because the area is not home to plant species or communities, and there is no wildlife or wildlife habitat located nearby, therefore there should be no displacement of wildlife. The placement of the portable and the services will not cause soil erosion as the land was previously graded when the existing buildings, roadway, parking area, and landscaping were installed. The placement of the portable and ongoing activities will not alter the flow of water or increase the volume or rate of runoff. The project is anticipated to take three to six months to complete and during that time, there may be increased noise; however, there are no nearby residences that will be disturbed. Currently, the Hospital and Cancer Center have biohazard waste removed by a contractor. Biohazard waste created in the extension will be removed in accordance with the terms of the existing contract. This work will not curtail beneficial uses of the land or irrevocably commit a natural resource, and is not contrary to the State of Hawaii’s environmental policies. Rather, the extension will positively affect the welfare of the West Hawaii community. Finally, the extension of the Kona Community Hospital Cancer Center will allow Kona Hospital to apply for Commission on Cancer (“CoC”) accreditation. CoC accreditation at this facility will make Kona Hospital the only neighbor island Cancer Center to achieve this high level accreditation. This will also increase the number of patients that the Hospital can treat on a daily and will help to decrease the number of patients that must travel to Oahu for care. Due to the current space limitations, Kona Hospital is unable to apply for CoC accreditation.

MITIGATION


Describe all mitigation measures and best management practices planned to address impacts during the project activities and after project completion: Work will occur during the daytime hours. Soil that can be recycled will be used for gardening on the grounds and soil that cannot be recycled will be properly disposed of at the County of Hawaii landfill. Two small invasive trees will be removed.

CONSULTATION

The following parties have been consulted about this declaration exemption (Name, affiliation, and consultation date): Alii Architects, Inc. 75-5742 Kuakini Hwy. Ste.205 Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740 has been providing ongoing advice to Kona Community Hospital.

EXEMPT DECLARATION

The direct, cumulative, and potential impacts of the action described above have been considered pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes and Chapter 11-200, Hawai'i Administrative Rules. I declare that the action described above will have minimal or no significant impact on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.



Signature of Director or Delegate

1/20/16

Date

- This document is on file in our office and is available for public review.
- This document has been submitted to the Office of Environmental Quality Control for publication in The Environmental Notice.

