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May 15, 1973  
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*Persons interested in obtaining additional information should contact this Office at 550 Halekawila Street, Tani Office Building, Room 301, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or call 548-6915.*

BACKGROUND INFORMATIONAL NOTES

State actions of a maintenance, repair, or operational nature often have little or no detrimental long-term effects on the environment. Because their effects are minimal, the preparation and submittal of an EIS for these State projects can be waived. In those instances, the expending or initiating agency prepares and submits either a request for exemption for a specific project, or if this action (or similar group actions) occurs repeatedly, thus making additional individual requests for actions already proven exempt, repetitious and time consuming, then a request for categorical exemption may be in order.

In the first newsletter (I-1, April 10, 1973) the definition and submittal procedures for requesting exemptions were presented. In this newsletter we will cover examples of exempt activities and contextual requirements for requests for exemptions.

Examples of projects which are normally categorized as activities within the request for exemption categories are:

1. Fencing
2. Resurfacing of roads and playcourts
3. Interior work (includes repair of electrical systems, window modification, installation of air conditioning systems, painting)
4. Roofing
5. Emergency actions (e.g. repair of bridges, roads) in the interest of public safety
6. Training programs
7. Replacement of traffic guardrails
8. Installation of traffic signals

Contextual Format Requirements

The request for exemption should include the following:

- I. Project Description

- A. If a project site exists a brief discussion of the existing conditions on the proposed site should be included. (A locational map or site plan is recommended.)
  - B. A description of the proposed project.
    - 1. Areal extent
    - 2. Construction activities and length of construction
    - 3. Cost
  - C. Discuss the needs and objectives which the proposed project will serve.
- II. The Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action
- A. Short-term effects (during the construction period)
  - B. Long-term effects (continual or culmulative effects)
  - \*C. Adverse effects, and mitigation or prevention measures to be utilized
  - \*D. Beneficial effects (describe how they will benefit the environment)
- III. The Basis on Which the Agency is Requesting an Exemption
- IV. Frequency of the Proposed Project Occurrence (applicable only to categorical exemptions)

#### UPDATE

#### Federal EIS

The final environmental impact statement for the Halawa Heights Road, Halawa Stream to Salt Lake Boulevard (Project No. I-H1-1(94) has been released for final distribution by the Department of Transportation Highways Division. This EIS is pursuant to Public Law 91-190 which requires that the statement be available for public review over a thirty (30) day period. This statement is available at OEQC and at public libraries.

\*If any environmental effect cannot be clearly determined to be adverse or beneficial, the statement should objectively describe the impact and state that such an impact was not determined to be adverse or beneficial.

Three copies of the draft environmental impact statement for the construction of Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System, Wailuku, Kahului, County of Maui, Hawaii has been sent to us from the Environmental Protection Agency. These copies will be available for public review at OEQC. All comments to this statement should be sent to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 100 California Street, San Francisco, California 94111, and postmarked no later than June 9, 1973 (thirty-day review period).

#### NEW PROCESS FOR DRAFT EIS DISTRIBUTION

OEQC is currently revising its distribution processes for draft environmental impact statements. In the past year OEQC has distributed over fifty (50) draft environmental impact statements to various governmental agencies, civic organizations and interested individuals. This Office received responses from approximately 15 percent of our reviewers for each draft EIS. Usually, of the fifteen responses, 11-12 come from governmental or governmental affiliated agencies (e.g. University of Hawaii). We realize that often certain groups might not have an interest in the statements they receive due either to their scope of concerns or geographical constraints. Therefore, to save both time and expenses for your organization and our Office, we hope to forward to you only those draft statements which warrant your special attention and consideration.

Therefore, the distribution process for draft EIS described below will be utilized by this Office.

- (1) All governmental agencies, the news media, and libraries presently on the distribution list will continue to receive the draft EIS and the Newsletter.
- (2) Private businesses, civic organizations and interested individuals presently receiving the draft environmental impact statement will be deleted from the distribution list, however, they will continue to receive the EIS Newsletter. Through the Newsletter's EIS Register, they will be informed about various draft statements being processed by OEQC.
- (3) Should you or your organization be interested in obtaining or reviewing a copy of the draft statement should either:
  - (a) Fill out the form provided in the EIS Newsletter and send it to OEQC.
  - (b) Call OEQC (548-6915) and leave your organization's name and address to receive a specific statement.
  - (c) Pick up a copy at OEQC, 550 Halekauwila Street, Room 301.

(The draft environmental impact statement will be available on a first come, first served basis and only one copy per organization will be provided.)

- (4) OEQC will provide copies of the draft EIS to various libraries throughout the State. These will be made available for review by inquiring at the main desk. All regional libraries will receive copies of the draft statement. Depending on the project's proximity, certain libraries will also receive copies of the draft statement. More specific information about which of the libraries will make draft EIS available for review will be included in the next newsletter.

This Office will be utilizing the distribution process beginning June 1.

Should this process be successful, it will allow this Office to reduce the number of draft environmental impact statements required.

A sample form for requesting draft environmental impact statements is below.

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Newsletter

REQUEST OF EIS

Sent to: (Name and address of organization below)

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Request a copy of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Draft EIS

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Office of Environmental  
Quality Control  
550 Halekauwila Street  
Room 301  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

EIS REGISTER

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

<u>Project Name - Expending or Initiating Agency</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Suspense Date</u>
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1. <u>Kihel Sewerage System - Department of Public Works, County of Maui</u>	<u>Kihel, Maui</u>	The proposed project provides for construction of a sewage collection system and waste-water reclamation plant for an area extending from Wailea northward to Kihel.	<u>5/29</u>
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*2. <u>Art Facilities, University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus</u>	<u>Honolulu, Oahu</u>	The proposed Art Facilities will be a three (3) story reinforced concrete structure containing 119,085 square feet of gross area. It will house the Art Department of the College of Arts and Sciences, and will contain faculty and administrative offices, studios, workshops, classrooms, two lecture halls, class laboratories, a public student and faculty lounge, and an art gallery.	<u>6/14</u>
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Non-Impact Statements

*1. <u>Marginal Wharf Lighting, Lahaina Small Boat Harbor Department of Transportation</u>	<u>Lahaina, Maui</u>	Mounting of 14 lights on the marginal wharf at Lahaina Small Boat Harbor. The lighting is to provide illumination for increased safety when walking on the marginal wharf and greater security for boats moored at the wharf.	<u>5/24</u>
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*2. <u>Wailuku State Office Building, Additional Parking Area - Department of Accounting and General Services</u>	<u>Wailuku, Maui</u>	Demolish two old dwellings, construct 19,000 square feet of asphalt concrete paved parking lot, construct low retaining wall, stairway, install sprinkler system, landscaping and parking lot signs.	<u>5/24</u>
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*3. <u>Kauai Belt Road - Department of Transportation</u>	<u>Hanaalei, Kauai</u>	This project consists of installing approximately 4,000 linear feet of guardrail along a 2.4 mile portion of Kauai Belt Road. Purpose of this project is to upgrade the existing roadway to conform to present safety standards.	<u>5/24</u>
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\*4. Haleakala Highway  
Resurfacing -  
Department of  
Transportation

Hailimaile  
and Pukalani,  
Maui

This project consist of resurfacing, dressing  
of the shoulders and installation of pavement  
markers along an approximate 0.6 mile portion  
of the existing highway.

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\*Indicates new entry since last week's Newsletter.

Request for Exemption Form

Exemption  Categorical Exemption  Additional Information

Name of Project :			
Expending Agency :			
Project Identification:		Yr.	Act Item No.
Originator:	Signature:	Phone No.	Date:
Liaison:	Signature:	Phone No.	Date:
<b>FUNDING</b>		<b>LAND OWNERSHIP</b>	
<input type="radio"/> County	\$ _____	<input type="radio"/> County	Amount _____
<input type="radio"/> State	\$ _____	<input type="radio"/> State	_____
<input type="radio"/> Federal	\$ _____	<input type="radio"/> Federal	_____
<input type="radio"/> Other	\$ _____	<input type="radio"/> Private	_____

Filled by OEQC: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Concur _____ Non-Concurrence _____ Further information _____		
Name	Signature	Phone No.
REMARKS :		