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

BACKGROUND INFORMATIONAL NOTES

The Environmental Protection Agency recently published a manual entitled, "Review of Federal Actions Impacting the Environment". The manual dated November 30, 1972, establishes policies, procedures and responsibilities for an agency's review of Federal actions having an impact on the environment. This includes environmental impact statements prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190) and Federal action encompassed by Section 309 of the Federal Clean Air Act.

OEQC will be reviewing this manual and will be summarizing its contents in the next newsletter.

UPDATE:

The draft environmental impact statement for the establishment of a SNG (Synthetic Natural Gas) Plant at Ewa, Oahu, was released by the Department of Commerce for review and comments. Copies of this statement are available at OEQC for review. Should you have any comments in regards to the statement, you may leave them at this Office for our process and transmittal of them to the Foreign Trade Zone Office. (Suspense date is June 30.)

ANTICIPATED EIS

Lapahoehoe Wading Pool, Honolulu District Court (relocation), Kahaluu Flood Control Project, and Kaneohe Civic Center (site selection).

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.

(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

OEQC

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

EIS REGISTER

Final Environmental Impact Statement

Project Name - Expanding or Initiating Agency

*1. Kauai Belt Road, Waiakea Bridge to Kawaihau Road - Department of Transportation

Location

Kapaa, Kauai

Description

The proposed project provides for a two lane roadway, two parallel parking lanes, concrete traffic islands and concrete sidewalks. Approximate length of the project is 9/10 mile.

Suspense Date

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*2. Pauahi Urban Renewal Project - Department of Housing and Urban Development

Honolulu, Oahu

Modification of two block area in Chinatown in downtown Honolulu. The proposed project will include such activities: demolition of unsound structures, rehabilitation of structures of historical significance, construction of two high-rise residential structures, off-street parking facility, several low rise multiple structures, and several parks and plazas.

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Draft Environmental Impact Statements

1. Kihei Sewerage System - Department of Public Works, County of Maui

2. Art Facilities, University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus

Kihei, Maui
Honolulu, Oahu

The proposed project provides for construction of a sewage collection system and wastewater reclamation plant for an area extending from Mailea northward to Kihei.

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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.

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*3. Kona Golf Course - Department of Parks and Recreation, County of Hawaii

Keeki, South Kona

The proposed golf course site is in the ahupua'a of Keeki in the judicial district of South Kona and consists of approximately 220 acres of land mauka of Puuhonua Road and is owned by the Bishop

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Estate. Proposed facilities are the 18-hole course, paved parking area, practice driving range, practice tees and greens, a clubhouse, maintenance yard and a nursery.

4. Sand Island State Park - Department of Land and Natural Resources Sand Island, Oahu

The proposed State park will be located along the makai shoreline of Sand Island, encompassing an area of 140 acres. (Bascule Bridge to Sand Island Fisheries Research Center.)

The purpose of the project is to provide recreation opportunities with primary orientation toward ocean, shore oriented and culturally enriching activities. Some of the proposed features will be a passive park, boat park, and a beach park.

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Non-Impact Statements

1. Marginal Wharf Lighting, Lahaina Small Boat Harbor - Department of Transportation

Lahaina, Maui

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.

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2. Wailuku State Office Building, Additional Parking Area - Department of Accounting and General Services

Wailuku, Maui

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.

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3. Kauai Belt Road - Department of Transportation

Hanalei, Kauai

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.

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4. Haleakala Highway Resurfacing - Department of Transportation

Hailimaile & Pukalani, Maui

This project consists 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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- *5. 6510-CIP - Department of Land and Natural Resources Waiakea-Olaa, Hawaii This project consists of road improvement work in Waiakea-Olaa restoration area of the Island of Hawaii to facilitate access for management and protection purposes. Required work includes the improvement of grade and alignment of existing rough jeep access roads, installation of drainage ditches and culverts where necessary and graveling where needed. 5/30
 - *6. Kaumahina State Wayside Park - Department of Land and Natural Resources Koolau, Maui The project consists of replacing the existing comfort station and replacing and reconfiguring the existing parking area within the Kaumahina State Wayside Park. 5/30
 - *7. Additional Floodlights, Kawaihae Harbor, - Department of Transportation South Kohala, Hawaii The proposed project consists erecting two 25' steel light poles with three (3) 1000-watt mercury vapor floodlights on each pole. 5/30
 - *8. Water and Related Land Resources Planning, State of Hawaii - Department of Land and Natural Resources State of Hawaii The proposed action requesting for Federal assistance under Title III of the Water Resources Planning Act is to formulate a comprehensive plan for optimum water resources development on each of the major islands of the State. 5/30
 - *9. Farrington Highway Lights, Jade Street to Keaau Beach Park and Fronting Waianae High School - Department of Transportation Waianae, Oahu The proposed project will reinforce and replace substandard lights existing along the mauka side of the highway with new 400-watt mercury luminaries. The proposed improvement site is located in the Waianae District on the Island of Oahu-total length of improvement approximately 2.5 miles. 5/30
 - *10. Laupakahi State Park Increment I, Phase I, II and III - Department of Land and Natural Resources North Kohala, Hawaii The proposed project consists of cleaning and planning of vegetation under supervision of our archaeologist for the purpose of restoration approximately 75 acres. 5/30