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BACKGROUND INFORMATIONAL NOTES

Part II, covering EPA's manual, "Review of Federal Actions Impacting the Environment". Summary of Chapter 1:

Chapter 1 - Policy and Responsibilities

1. Purpose

To establish policies and procedures for reviewing and commenting on: proposed Federal actions referred to EPA, and EISs under NEPA. Provisions are included in the manual for reviewing and commenting on: (a) Federal actions pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Air Act; (b) EISs of non-Federal organizations; and (c) "reviewing water resource projects under the Water Resources Council procedure for interagency review".

2. Background

- a. Section 102(2)(c) of NEPA requiring EISs from Federal agencies for major actions significantly affecting the environment.
- b. "Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, as amended, authorizing EPA to review and comment in writing on the environmental impact of any matter relating to duties and responsibilities granted pursuant to the Act or other provisions of the authority of the Administrator,"

3. Policy Objective

Agency policy will be to use the environmental impact statement review process and the Section 309 review process in conjunction with EPA's other authorities to:

- a. Provide technical assistance to Federal, State, regional and local entities;

- b. Support the environmentally protective activities of the Agency and other Federal, State, regional, and local entities; and
- c. Assist Federal agencies in meeting the objectives of the National Environmental Policy Act.

4. Responsibilities

The responsibilities for the Office of Federal Activities (OFA) and the Principal Reviewer is outlined. Basically, OFA maintains overall coordination of EPA's headquarters and regional written comments; provides policy guidance; coordinates clearance for approval of EPA's comments on controversial or significant projects; coordinates the preparation of written comments as provided under Chapter 1, items a, b, and c. The responsibilities of the Principal Reviewer (an Agency Office) is outlined as:

- "1. Reviews impact statements prepared by other Federal agencies which have been submitted to the Agency for review and comment and prepares a formal Agency response;
2. Prepares Section 309 comments, as appropriate, on other Federal agency actions relating to the duties and responsibilities of the Administrator;
3. Reviews impact statements prepared by State, regional, or local entities when appropriate;
4. Obtains comments from other Agency offices whenever the effects of the action extend beyond the technical expertise or geographical area of the principal reviewer;
5. Signs and distributes the comments (except for impact statements which embody a high degree of national controversy or significance or "pioneer" Agency policy and impact statements which will be referred to OFA for Headquarters clearance).
6. Initiates press releases and other public notifications for clearance through Headquarters or regional Public Affairs Offices;
7. Follows up Agency comments on draft impact statements, in accordance with the requirements set forth in chapter 3, paragraph 4, to assure that the Agency's comments are adequately considered by the originating Federal agency; and
8. Provides technical assistance to other Federal, State, and local agencies regarding the requirements of Public Law 91-190 and similar State and local mandates."

TEMPORARY COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

The following goals and policy statements have been tentatively adopted by the Commission for the area of Conservation of Natural and Energy Resources. These statements and possible strategies for their implementation will be discussed in a series of public meetings in all counties in early September. After revision, final proposals will be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature on November 1, 1973.

A. Goals

1. Maintain a balanced land and water resource regeneration system to assure long term productivity to meet the needs of the residents.
2. Conserve Hawaii's natural resources from depletion, encroachment and damage.
3. Provide opportunities for the public to fulfill cultural and educational needs without despoiling or endangering natural or historical resources.
4. Maintain Hawaii's natural beauty, not only as an economic resource, but as an ennobling living environment for its people by protecting and developing suitable open space, parks, and recreational resources for satisfaction of the expanding recreation needs of Hawaii.
5. Reduce the demand for and eliminate wasteful utilization of energy resources.
6. Encourage consumption practices which decrease the irreversible commitment of natural resources.

B. Policies

1. Establish and maintain natural area preserves, wildlife preserves, forest reserves, water sheds, marine preserves, and unique ecological preserves. (Goals 2 and 4)
2. Maintain the shorelines of the State for recreational, educational, and scientific uses in a manner that protects resources and is of maximum benefit to the general public. (Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4)
3. Protect the shorelines of the State from encroachment of man-made improvements and structures, except those essential for public use and public benefit. (Goals 3 and 4)

4. Reserve scenic, historic, and cultural areas to provide maximum benefit to the general public. (Goals 3 and 4)
5. Manage natural resources within the State in a manner that avoids or minimizes adverse effects on the environment. (Goals 1 and 2)
6. Encourage consolidation of urban activities in rural zones to maximize efficient use of land, utilities, transportation and public resources. (Goals 2, 4, 5, and 6)
7. Encourage public and private agencies to minimize depletion of energy and natural resources to the fullest extent. (Goals 5 and 6)
8. Improve irrigation and waste water management practices to conserve and fully utilize vital water resources. (Goal 1)
9. Preserve open space for its intrinsic, aesthetic, and spiritual values for Hawaii's residents. (Goals 2 and 4)
10. Favor management of plant and animal populations to assure dynamically balanced ecologically sound natural reserve areas. (Goals 2, 3, and 4)
11. Favor ecologically and economically sound agricultural practices compatible with sound environmental goals. (Goals 1 and 6)

ANTICIPATED EIS

Honolulu District Court (relocation), Kahaluu Flood Control Project, Kaneohe Civic Center (site selection), Maintenance of Harbors (dredging).

Final Environmental Impact Statements

Project Name - Expending or
Initiating Agency

Location

Description

Suspense
Date

1. Beach Erosion Control
Improvements - U. S. Army
Corps of Engineers

Waikiki,
Oahu

The plan of improvement provides for the construction of three new groins, placement of approximately 46,000 cubic yards of sand, and the demolition of the Waikiki Natatorium.

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2. Nawiliwili Small Boat
Harbor - U. S. Army
Corps of Engineers

Nawiliwili
Kauai

The project consists of construction of a breakwater and revetted dike, a stub breakwater, and navigation channels. Local interests will provide for the incremental development of the harbor interior, berthing facilities, and necessary shoreside facilities.

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3. Kihel Sewerage System,
County of Maui

Kihel,
Maui

The proposed project provides for the construction of a sewage collection system and wastewater reclamation plant for an area extending from Wailea northward to Kihel. (Future additions can be made to the system to extend service north to the Maalaea area south to the Makena area as needed.) The treatment plant will provide for a 3 million gallon capacity and approximately 250,000 gallons per day will receive mixed media filtration and additional chlorination for irrigation of Kalama Park. The remainder of the effluent will be used for rangeland irrigation adjacent to the plant site.

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Draft Impact Statement

1. Inoaole Housing Project -
Hawaii Housing Authority

Waimanalo,
Oahu

The project site is located immediately adjacent to Waimanalo School and across the Bellows Field Air Force Base. The Inoaole Subdivision will be utilizing the concept of duplex housing, and will include 93 such units, totalling 186 units. The purpose of the project is to provide low-cost housing to the Waimanalo area.

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Non-Impact Statements

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1. Honokai Hale Community Park - Honokai Hale Community Association
Honolulu, Oahu
8/1/73
The project will be located on the makai side of Farrington Hwy. to the east of and adjacent to the existing Honokai subdivision. The proposed site includes approximately 5.7 acres of land. This land is to be developed into a community park, consisting of a baseball and football field with a provision for future building of a volleyball, basketball and tennis courts. (The site is presently being cleared for implementation of the project.)
2. Various Campus Improvements - Kapiolani Community College - Department of Accounting & General Services
Honolulu, Oahu
8/3/73
The proposed project consists of:
 1. Construction of a new portable classroom building to provide additional classroom space.
 2. Construction of eleven (11) new concrete and wood ramps to existing building for the physically handicapped.
3. Covered Walkway - Neelani Elementary School - Department of Accounting and General Services
Honolulu, Oahu
8/3/73
The proposed project calls for the construction of a new covered walkway from the existing administration building to an existing covered walkway to protect students and faculty members when it rains. As indicated in the statement, the school is located in a high rainfall area wherein the median annual rainfall exceeds 45 inches per year.
4. Installation of two (2) Portable Comfort Stations at Haena, Kauai - Dept. of Land and Natural Resources
Haena, Kauai
8/3/73
The proposed project consists of the installation of two (2) portable comfort stations on Lot 120, Haena, Kauai, located adjacent to the end of Kuhio Highway at Haena. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a temporary public convenience to the many visitors of this area pending implementation of overall development plans for Haena State Park.
5. Hilo Public Safety Building - Dept. of Public Works, County of Hawaii
Hilo, Hawaii
8/3/73
The proposed project is located at 349 Kapiolani St., Hilo, Hawaii. Phase I will consist of the grading of the entire area and the construction of two (2) buildings which will be used by the Police Department. The "future" building will

be constructed under Phase 2 to accommodate the Fire Department, Liquor Control Board and the Civil Defense Agency

6. Construction of Diamond Head Concourse Gates 7, 8 and 9 at Honolulu International Airport - Dept. of Transportation, Airports Division
Honolulu, Oahu
8/3/73
The proposed project consists of the addition of three gate positions to the existing Diamond Head Concourse. The building extension is a three-level concrete structure 670 ft. in length by 120 ft. wide. The facility will include passenger gate lounges, airline offices and airport intra-transportation roadways.
7. Haihai Street to Ainaola Drive - Dept. of Public Works, County of Hawaii
Hilo, Hawaii
8/3/77
The project consists of the rehabilitation of the present pavement and will involve the resurfacing of the existing pavement and improving the turning radii at two intersections.
8. Kewalo Oceanographic Technological Center, Site Improvement, Phase II - Dept. of Accounting & General Services
Honolulu, Oahu
8/3/73
The proposed project involves the construction of a 11,500 sq. feet of asphalt-concrete parking lot, 175 length ft. of drain link fence and landscaping of 56,200 square feet of yard area. The landscaping and improvements will be on the existing unimproved area surrounding the Pacific Biomedical Research Center.
9. Installation of Temporary Marine Biological Research Facilities at the Former Richardson Estate, Kalaniana'ole Ave., University of Hawaii at Hilo
Hilo, Hawaii
8/3/73
The proposed pipeline is a temporary facility. It is proposed to lay out a dual pipeline from the shore to a distance of approximately 325 ft. (seaward). This line would be anchored by 500 lb. concrete ballast blocks lashed to the pipe at 10 ft. intervals and by securing it to outcrops and coral heads where available. The sea water would then be kept in holding tanks for testing and monitoring purposes. A discharge line would extend from shore to a point approximately 50 ft. seaward. The daily turnover of water in the order of 144,000 gallons will cause no disturbance in the tidepool and no chemicals will be added to it.

10. Waimea Canyon - Waimea Heights Subdivision - Kauai Electric Company

Waimea, Kauai

8/3/73

The project consists of installing a 12.47 kv wood pole electric distribution circuit along the State right-of-way. The purpose for this installation is to provide electric service to a County water booster pump and to approximately 69 houselots under development by the State of Hawaii.

11. Honokaa Maintenance Facility, Paving and Fencing - Dept. of Accounting and General Services

Honokaa, Hawaii

8/3/73

The project consists of constructing a paved parking and driveway for the maintenance facility, encompassing an area of approximately 9,000 square feet.

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