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BACKGROUND INFORMATIONAL NOTES

Part III, covering EPA's manual, "Review of Federal Actions Impacting the Environment". Summary of Chapter 2.

Chapter 2 - Review and Coordination of Environmental Impact Statements

1. Routing of Statements

Governmental agencies would direct EISs as follows:

<u>Subject or Area</u>	<u>Directed to</u>
Legislation	Office of Legislation
Appropriations, policy statements, regulations, and procedures. Major Federal actions which are nationally (1) controversial, (2) significant, (3) "pioneer" agency policy, (4) covers more than one EPA region.	Office of Federal Activities
Major Federal actions of a regional nature. Water resources project proposals. State and local EISs.	Appropriate EPA Regional Office

2. Designation of Principal Reviewers

- a. Normally (except in the areas given above), the Regional office becomes the principal reviewer for EISs received from governmental agencies.
- b. "The review of State and local impact statements will be undertaken at the discretion of the Regional Administrator."
- c. The EISs received by the Office of Federal Activities (OFA), as given in Item 1 above, are in turn assigned principal reviewers.

3. Establishment of Deadlines

a. Federal Agency Draft Impact Statements

"The Agency will respond within 45 days of the published date of receipt by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) of the draft impact statement unless a time extension is requested in writing." (Date of receipt is published in the Federal Register). Requests for time extensions are, as much as possible, limited to critical statements; extensions are normally for ten days.

b. Federal Agency Final Impact Statements

The principal reviewer should make provisions to be included on the distribution list to receive the FEIS. The suspense date is set for thirty (30) days from the issuance of the final EIS. Notifications for time extensions should be requested from OFA as early as possible.

4. Reporting and Control

- a. Logs - OFA maintains a central log of all draft and final EISs received from other Federal agencies for review and comment.
- b. Reports - OFA prepares three reports to inform and assist agency officials.

(1) Weekly Status Report on Overdue Comments

(2) Weekly List of Environmental Impact Statements Received by EPA.

(3) Summary Performance Statistics

5. Obtaining Comments of Other Offices

- a. General - the principal reviewer is responsible for obtaining views of other agency offices. When major issues are identified, they are directed to the responsible Assistant or Regional Administrator.

- b. Water Resource Projects - receives a close scrutiny by EPA. EPA comments on both the EIS and the project proposal, considering "any technical studies or water quality reviews which may have been conducted previously by EPA on the project".

6. Guidance to Statement Originators

Within the limits of their resources, EPA offices may render technical assistance to Federal agencies prior to the originating agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement, in accordance with the following guidelines.

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- a. Projects selected for assistance should have high national priority or should have aroused wide public interest or should present a highly significant potential for environmental damage or be instances where EPA's early technical input can result in substantial improvement in the projects.
 - b. Assistance should be rendered only in those areas where this Agency has expertise as related to EPA's duties and responsibilities.
 - c. Assistance should be limited to ensuring that the Federal agency requesting help:
 - (1) Clearly recognizes and understands the environmental impact of the proposed project.
 - (2) Is fully aware of the most effective alternatives for ameliorating or solving environmental problems.
 - (3) Has examined all the reasonable alternatives to the proposed project and has a full understanding of the environmental consequences associated with the alternatives.
 - (4) Has complied fully with the requirements of Section 102(2)(C) of Public Law 91-190.
 - d. Federal agencies receiving assistance shall be instructed by EPA personnel that such assistance shall not extend to actual drafting of any portion of the impact statement.
 - e. In rendering assistance, EPA personnel should neither explicitly support nor reject any action that the requesting agency proposes to describe in its environmental impact statement.
 - f. Prior to the rendering of any assistance, EPA personnel must make clear that prospective comments will be made on the environmental impact statement without constraint.

TEMPORARY COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

The following goals and policy statements have been tentatively adopted by the Commission for the area of Population and Economic Activities. 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.

II. POPULATION

A. Goal

1. To limit population levels in Hawaii so that the interaction between the natural and man-made environments and the population is mutually beneficial.

B. Policies

1. Hawaii shall define and develop criteria and standards of environmental quality which lead toward progressive enhancement of the relationship between mankind and the natural environment.
2. Achieve a balanced distribution of the State's population through economic and social programs in accord with the State and County General Plans.
3. Discourage permanent in-migration to the State.

(Note: There was a minority of the membership which felt that this Policy should not be included.)
4. Support family planning programs to achieve the population goal.

C. Strategies

D. Programs

III. ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

A. Goals

1. To provide the residents of the State of Hawaii with the opportunities to improve their quality of life through diverse economic activities which are stable and in balance with the physical and social environments.

B. Policies

1. The State's land, water, air, and sea shall be considered as essential economic resources for present and future generations and should be protected and enhanced through the use of economic incentives.
2. Encourage industries in Hawaii at locations which provide desired levels of economic activity and which do not contribute to degradation of the environment. Discourage new industries which require a variance from the State's environmental standards.
3. Maintain and improve the competitive economic position of the agricultural industry of the State.
4. Re-direct the Hawaii-based visitor industry to give visitors a genuine Hawaiian cultural experience derived from the multi-racial history of these islands. Require all new visitor facilities and services to conform to culturally-compatible planning. Restrict hotel-resort development to designated destination areas in each county.

Control maximum number of units in each area in accord with environmental needs. Encourage local control of visitor facilities.

5. Encourage continuation of environmentally compatible Federal activities in Hawaii as a major component of the economic base of the State.
6. Encourage, so they are environmentally compatible, such other industries as fishing, aquaculture, oceanography, recreation, and forest industries.
7. Develop the potential of recycling waste water and solid wastes.

ANTICIPATED EIS

Honolulu District Court (relocation), Kahaluu Flood Control Project, Kaneohe Civic Center (site selection), Maintenance of Harbors (dredging), Deep Water Ports - Nation-wide, Pacific Sea Jetfoils (inter-island transportation service).

Preliminary evaluation of the proposed Pacific Sea Jetfoils were submitted to this Office by Pacific Sea Transportation, Ltd. The activity to be undertaken is the operation of a 190-passenger Boeing 929 Jetfoil hydrofoil in navigable waters between the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii (with possible future expansion of service to Molokai and Lanai). (Any comments regarding the proposed project should be addressed directly to the sponsoring agency.)

EIS REGISTER

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

Suspense
Date

Project Name - Expanding Agency or
Initiating Agency

Description

Location

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1. Inoaole Housing Project -
Hawaii Housing Authority

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.

Waimanalo,
Oahu

2. Hui Koolau Anuimanu
Project - Hawaii Housing
Authority

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The developer, Hawaii Rural Housing Development Corporation (HRHDC), a non-profit corporation, has applied to the Hawaii Housing Authority for an interim construction loan to finance the proposed project. The project includes the development of 40 dwelling units just off Kialua Street in Kahaluu. Upon completion of the project, the homes will be sold to the members of HRHDC.

Kahaluu,
Oahu

Non-Impact Statements

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1. Continental Airlines Air
Cargo Facility Building at
Honolulu International
Airport - Department of
Transportation

Honolulu,
Oahu

A new Air Cargo Facility Building will be constructed in the Ewa Service Court area of the Honolulu International Airport. The 3.17 acre-site is adjacent to the existing Pan American Airlines service building and will be within the Ewa Gull Wing Complex. The building covers approximately 45,000 square feet and has a one story cargo handling area with roof parking for employee parking and three-story office areas.

2. Demolition of Administration Building, Honolulu Community College - Department of Accounting and General Services Honolulu, Oahu 8/13

The proposed project calls for the demolition and removal of a one-story fire damaged administration building (4,200 square feet) at the Honolulu Community College. Minimal grading, filling and grassing will also be accomplished.
3. Centralized Processing Center - Department of Accounting and General Services Honolulu, Oahu 8/13

The proposed project consists of the construction of a building (16,000 square feet) on the grounds of Pohukaina School to house the central book processing operations for the Department of Education.
4. Bike Path on Navy Utility Corridor between Lehua Avenue and Richardson Field - Department of Transportation Services, City and County of Honolulu Ewa, Oahu 8/13

The proposed project is located in the Pearl Harbor area, along the Navy Utility Corridor from Halawa, near the CINCPACFLT Boat House to Lehua Avenue in Pearl City. The project consists of paving a 10-foot wide strip within the Utility Corridor for a bikepath.
5. Extension to Existing Cafetorium, Kapaa High and Elementary School - Department of Accounting and General Services Kapaa, Kauai 8/13

The proposed project involves the installation of obscure glass in the teacher's dining room and construction of a new custodian's storage building (520 square feet).
6. Sewer Tunnel Relief - Manoa-Kaimuki Interceptor Sewer (Artesian Street to Ward Avenue) - Department of Public Works, City and County of Honolulu Honolulu, Oahu 8/13

As a result of the Sewer Tunnel Relief Study completed in March, 1971, it has been revealed that the Manoa-Kaimuki Interceptor has deteriorated at various locations and is experiencing many problems. The proposed project consists of providing reinforced sewer pipes in areas where the situation (from Ward Avenue to Artesian Street) is most serious.
7. Intersection Street Lighting on Oahu, Highway Lighting on Kunia Road at Kunia Drive, and Installation of Temporary Ewa, Oahu 8/13

The subject project proposes the installation of overhead mercury-vapor luminaries attached to new or existing utility poles. A total of six (6) luminaries will be

installed at or near the Kamehameha Highway - Makalapa Drive Intersection, one at each intersection at Kunia Drive and Kunia Road, and three new luminaries along Kam Highway at Lumiauau Street.

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The major work items of the proposed project include: 1) air condition the entire library to provide comfort to those utilizing the library as well as humidity control to help preserve the tapes and films stored there; and 2) construction of an office space and sound proof booths.

Honolulu,
Oahu

Highway Lights along Kamehameha Highway at Makalapa Drive at Lumiauau Street - Department of Transportation

8. Waikiki-Kapahulu Branch Library Renovation, Phase II - Department of Accounting and General Services

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The proposed project consists of the construction of single and double portable classroom buildings with attached toilet at the following project sites: Camp Andrews Elementary School (Wainanae, Oahu); Kapaa Elementary School (Kapaa, Kauai); Kilohana Elementary School (Molokai); and Haiku Elementary School (Haiku, Maui). Purpose of the project is to provide classroom space for the Head Start Program of OEO.

(Location indicated in the project description)

9. Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) Portables at Camp Andrews, Kapaa, Kilohana and Haiku Elementary Schools - Department of Accounting and General Services

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The proposed project consists of drilling a well approximately 700 feet deep and conducting a pump test to determine the quantity and quality of the well. Should the test prove favorable, a deep well pump will be provided to incorporate the well into the existing domestic water system.

Waikapu,
Maui

10. Waikapu Well No. 5130-02 - Department of Land and Natural Resources

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The proposed work consists primarily of interior improvements and modifications in the existing ground structure which is presently being utilized as the emergency center for the Hawaii Area Command. Other actions include construction of a new concrete masonry generator building and installation of a government-furnished engine generator.

Honolulu,
Oahu

11. Construction of Improvements to Old Battery 407 at Fort Ruger - Department of Defense

EIS NEWSLETTER
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