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ANTICIPATED EIS

Honolulu District Court (relocation), Kahaluu Flood Control Project, Kaneohe Civic Center (site selection), Maintenance of Harbors (dredging), Wailua Sewage Treatment Plant, Kohakohau Dam (South Kohala), Sand Mining at Kawaihae, Hawaii, Inter Island Ferry System.

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<u>Project Name - Expanding or Initiating Agency</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Suspense Date For Comments</u>
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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

1. Flood Control for the Waiakea-Uka Area, Hilo, Hawaii - County of Hawaii

The project consists of the following:

- a. A ± 4,000 foot diversion drainline for the Palai Stream to divert the stream into Four Mile Creek at a point just southwest of the Panaewa Bridge.
- b. A ± 9,600 foot transmission channel with a bottom width of 50 feet to handle the combined flows of the Palai Stream and the Four Mile Creek.
- c. Two bridges crossing the transmission channel at Awa Street and Railroad Avenue.
- d. A dam encompassing 300 ± acres to hold the combined flows; including a spillway with 2,000 cts. capacity.

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2. Temporary Base Camp Expansion- Hale Pohaku (Mauna Kea), Hawaii- Canada-France - Hawaii Telescope Corporation

The requirement for expansion of the temporary base camp results from the fact that existing temporary base camp facilities would not be capable of handling the future number of construction workers who would have to reside at Hale Pohaku during construction of observatory facilities. The proposed expansion would consist of the construction of two temporary, prefabricated buildings which would provide dormitory (a 20 x 64 foot prefabricated building) and a composite kitchen-mess hall-lounge facilities (24x72 foot metal or wood frame building). In conjunction with these facilities, water storage, water and electrical distribution systems and a cesspool would also be installed.

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3. Hawaii Loa Ridge Cluster Development, Hawaii Loa Ridge, Oahu

The proposed Hawaii Loa Ridge Cluster Development will consist of 650 dwelling units (clustertownhouses and single family units) on approximately 192 acres of R-2, R-3, R-4 and R-6 zoned lands. In conjunction with the construction of these homes, the following auxiliary structures and improvements will be developed.

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1. Roadways - offsite construction of an access road (from Kalaniana'ole Highway between Kirkwood Place and Hawaii Loa Street to the Plateau of Hawaii Loa Ridge) and on site development of internal roadways.
2. Utilities - (a) Three (3) on-site reservoirs and three (3) booster pumping stations, located at varying elevations on the ridge.  
(b) A drainage system, with the following major components:
  - 6,500 linear ft. of interceptor ditches (located along the perimeter of the development), contour ditches within the site, two (2) sedimentation basins and, a silting basin within the "jug handle" intersection.
3. Parking facilities - Total of 1,536 parking spaces.
4. Recreational Centers - Four (4) neighborhood recreational centers and one (1) larger center with facilities for swimming, tennis.

4. Kaneohe Kailua Sewer System Kaneohe-Kailua District, Oahu, Department of Public Works, City and County of Honolulu

In an attempt to abate wastewater discharge into Kaneohe and Kailua Bay and to establish an ocean discharge off Mokapu Peninsula; a system of pump stations, force mains and an ocean outfall has been designed. This system, the proposed Kaneohe-Kailua Sewage System will consist of the following major components: (Due to the numerous

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component parts of the system, only a very brief summary is given. Design parameters are fully discussed in the impact statement and may be more closely examined by the interested reader by inquiring at OEQC)

- 1) A pump station and force main to pump the effluent from the proposed Kahaluu Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to the Kaneohe WWTP.
- 2) A pump station and force main to pump the combined effluent from the Kaneohe and Kahaluu Plants to the Kailua WWTP.
- 3) A pump station and force main to pump the effluent from the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station (KMCAS) to the Kailua WWTP.
- 4) A pump station and force main to pump the combined effluent from the Kahaluu, Kaneohe, KMCAS, and Kailua Plants to the outfall.
- 5) An ocean outfall beginning near the tip of Mokepu Peninsula.

5. Pacific Sea Transportation Jetfoil Service - Department of Transportation  
 Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Hawaii

Pacific Sea Transportation Services (PSTS) proposes the establishment of an inter-island water transportation system for the people of Hawaii. Initially, PSTS will operate with three (3) Boeing 929 Jetfoils in daily service. Each of these 92 foot crafts will carry a maximum of 190 passengers at a speed of 45 knots (52 mph). Existing harbors will be used; these include: Honolulu Harbor, Nawiliwili Harbor, Kailua-Kona Harbor and Maalaea Harbor. Depending upon the public response to the project, services may be extended to the islands of Molokai and Lanai. Services are expected to begin in late 1974.

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6. Keel Golf Course, Keel, Hawaii - Department of Parks and Recreation, County of Hawaii

The County of Hawaii through its Department of Parks and Recreation has proposed to develop a public golf course at Keel, as part of a planned recreational complex. The proposed

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golf course site is in the judicial district of South Kona and is described as a portion of parcel 9 of TMK 8-3-04. The site consist of approximately 220 acres of land mauka of Puuhonua Road and is owned by the Bishop Estate. The facilities planned for the proposed project are: the 18-hole course, paved parking area, practicing driving range, practice tees and greens, clubhouse, maintenance yard and a nursery.

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The proposed action is a full-scale, long-endurance, field test of the prototype of a unique system for mining ocean bottom sand. The system, designed for use from a small vessel, consists primarily of a suction probe which buries itself in thick deposits of sand by hydrojet action and removes large cones of sand. Approximately 30,000 cubic yards of sand are expected to be pumped to shore at a rate of 7,500 to 10,000 cubic yards per month from a deposit located in 50 to 80 feet of water approximately 300 to 600 feet offshore. The test site is located at Keauhou, Kona, County of Hawaii, State of Hawaii.

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The proposed action includes the expansion of the existing 0.5 MGD Wailua Sewage Treatment Plant to handle an average design flow of 1.5 MGD. Effluent will be disposed via reclamation by irrigation of the adjacent Wailua golf course. (The existing ocean outfall will be used as an emergency outlet during peak flows.) A 1.0 MGD holding pond will be constructed within the golf course limits to serve as a reservoir for the golf course irrigation system.

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The proposed projects provides for conservation land treatment and structural measures, designed to complement each other to reduce erosion, flooding and sediment pollution. The Structural measures for flood prevention consists of the following major components.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

1. Sand Mining, Keauhou, Hawaii - U.S. Department of Commerce

2. Expansion of the Wailua Sewage Treatment Plant, Wailua, Kauai - Department of Public Works, County of Kauai

3. Kahaluu Watershed Project, Kahaluu, Oahu - U.S. Soil Conservation Service

1. Four-concrete lined rectangular channels (totaling 11,850 ft.) These will be installed in the lower reaches of the Waihee, Kahaluu, and Ahimann Streams.
2. Two debris basins to be constructed at the inlet of Kahaluu and Waihee streams.
3. A twenty-eight (28) acre multi-purpose lagoon to be developed where the streams come together before discharging into Kaneohe Bay. The lagoon will outlet into Kaneohe Bay through a 280 ft. rock lined channel. Besides serving as a flood control structure, the lagoon will serve as a recreational facility. Trails, roads, parking areas, comfort station, picnic sites, and a small launching ramp for boats are planned.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

1. Flood Control Development  
at Alenaio Stream, Hilo,  
Hawaii - Department of  
Land and Natural  
Resources.

The proposed development program along Alenaio Stream would consist of channelizing portions of Alenaio Stream, downstream of Komohana Street, to a design capacity of 2400 cfs. This development would be constructed within a proposed County right-of-way. In addition, a pedestrian trail and related signing would be developed along one side of the stream.

The goal of this proposed development program is to accomplish the following objectives:

- Reduce sedimentation and erosion along Alenaio Stream.
- Increase the recreational potential of the stream.
- Reduce floodwaters which result in loss of life and damage to public and private property.

INTERIM REVISIONS TO EIS MANUAL

The Office of Environmental Quality has received approval from the Acting Governor to implement the following revisions to the EIS Manual. Effective May 1, 1974:

1. It is no longer necessary for this Office to concur with non-impact statements nor requests for exemption. Also, instead of preliminary evaluations, environmental assessments would be used to identify and evaluate broad environmental concerns in those situations where an agency is uncertain about the significance and extent of environmental effects.

2. The Office of Environmental Quality Control recommends that agencies develop: (a) a list of classes of action for which, because such actions will probably have significant effects, the preparation of an EIS will be required; and (b) a list of classes of action (including minor modification to an existing structure or land use, minor improvements, and repairs or restoration) that, because such action will probably have minimal or no significant effect and have no environmental significance, will not require an EIS. These lists should be developed by each agency with a view toward its own typical actions.

3. Finally we recommend that for those actions which are not specifically identified in an "inclusive" nor "exclusive" list, agencies should continue to document determinations that an EIS is not required. That is, if an agency finds that an agency action will not significantly affect environmental quality, the consideration of environmental factors should be documented and the agency's rationale for not preparing an EIS should be set forth. In order to assure consistency with NEPA procedures, we propose that the document be referred to as a "negative declaration" and that one copy be filed with this office for our information; we also propose that the filing of a negative declaration be published in the "EIS Newsletter" to inform the public of agency determinations.

This Office recommends that agencies develop "inclusive" and "exclusive" lists as soon as possible for their own guidance, and that these lists be submitted to us for our information. To assure that agency concerns are incorporated, we solicit your comments and criticisms on this interim measure.