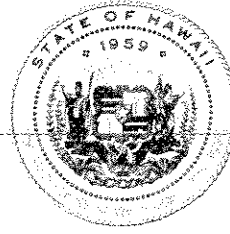


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EQC PROPOSES AMENDMENTS TO ITS RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Environmental Quality Commission has completed drafting proposed amendments to its rules and regulations. The amendments will serve to clarify procedural requirements, remove certain inconsistencies, incorporate editorial changes, and conform the regulations with the changes made this year to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The proposed amendments would:

- Add and rephrase several definitions to clarify and promote consistency in terminology;
- Consolidate the applicability requirements pertaining to agency and applicant actions;
- Include new procedures that would allow agencies to declare exemptions from environmental assessment requirements of specific types of actions if those actions will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment;
- Make the existing procedures for consultation during EIS preparation optional;
- Allow a maximum 30-day extension to the 60-day period within which an agency must determine the acceptability of an applicant's EIS;
- Reduce from 180 to 120 days the time limitation for challenging the undertaking of a project subject to an agency determination of whether or not an EIS is required, but for which no determination has been made;
- Include provisions to increase cooperation and reduce duplication in the

preparation and processing of EIS's for projects subject to both State and Federal EIS requirements;

- Authorize the EQC to select an executive director;
- Editorially improve readability and understanding.

Public hearings on the EQC's proposed amendments have been scheduled as follows:

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| Hilo, Hawaii | January 7, 1980
1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
State Office Building
Conference Room |
| Kona, Hawaii | January 8, 1980
7:00 p.m.
First Hawaiian Bank Bldg. |
| Kahului, Maui | January 9, 1980
7:00 p.m.
Kahului Library Conference
Room |
| Lihue, Kauai | January 10, 1980
7:00 p.m.
Lihue Library Conference
Room |
| Honolulu, Oahu | January 11, 1980
1:30 p.m.
State Capitol,
Senate Conference Room 6 |
| Windward Oahu | January 11, 1980
7:00 p.m.
King Intermediate School
Cafetorium |

Leeward Oahu January 14, 1980
7:00 p.m.

Deadline: January 7, 1980.

Waianae High School Cafeterium

HONOULIULI WELLS, KUNIA, OAHU, Board of Water Supply, City and County of Honolulu

Interested persons are invited to attend the public hearings and to state their views on the proposed amendments either orally or in writing. Persons wishing to testify should submit eleven copies of their written testimony. Written testimony or comments should be mailed so that they are received by the EQC no later than January 31, 1980.

Previously reported on November 23, 1979.

Contact: Lawrence Whang
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City and County of Honolulu
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Phone: 548-5221

Copies of the EQC's proposed amendments and other pertinent information can be obtained by calling the EQC Office at 548-6915, or by writing to the EQC, 550 Halekauwila Street, Room 301, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

Deadline: December 24, 1979.

NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS

The following are Negative Declarations or determinations made by proposing or approving agencies that certain proposed actions will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore do not require an EIS (EIS Regs. 1:4p). Publication in the Bulletin of a Negative Declaration initiates a 60-day period during which litigation measures may be instituted. Copies are available upon request to the Commission. Written comments should be submitted to the agency responsible for the determination (indicated in project title). The Commission would appreciate a copy of your comments.

REGISTER OF CHAPTER 343, HRS DOCUMENTS

EIS PREPARATION NOTICES

The following proposed actions have been determined to require environmental impact statements. Anyone can be consulted in the preparation of the EIS's by writing to the listed contacts. 30 days are allowed for requests to be consulted parties.

CONSTRUCTION OF BUSINESS OFFICE/COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AND PARKING STRUCTURE, WAIKIKI SPECIAL DESIGN DISTRICT, L. Robert Allen/Dept. of Land Utilization

The applicant proposes to demolish four 1 and 2 story structures, and to construct an office tower, a single level, 2-building commercial area, and a 3-level parking structure. The office tower will be 320 ft. high and will contain a total floor area of about 290,000 sq. ft. The commercial area will be on the ground level and will contain about 20,000 sq. ft. The parking structure will be three levels above the ground level, and will have about 700 spaces. The basement will contain support equipment, with some retail space and parking. The project site is located on a 12,419 sq. ft. lot (TMK: 2-6-14:39-56, 59).

KAUAI

ESTABLISHMENT OF LICENSED HELIPORTS AT POLIHALE, KALALAU, MILOLII, AND KOKEE, Dept. of Land and Natural Resources, Divisions of State Parks and Forestry

The proposed action is to establish licensed helicopter landing sites at Kalalau Beach, Milolii Beach, Polihale Beach, and Kokee State Park. Landing sites have already been constructed in these areas by DLNR personnel for transport of equipment and work crews to trail shelters. Landings along the Na Pali Coast have been made on a regular basis by commercial helicopter operators. The existing landing sites have been licensed by the State Dept. of Transportation as "Quasi-Public Airports" under control of the DLNR. The

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

licenses were valid until July 1979, but have been extended indefinitely subject to inspection of the sites. This action is "after the fact" since helicopter landings have been made in the past and are continuing under temporary variance from the DLNR. The requested landing site at Kalalau Beach is approx. 1,000 ft. to the east of the former licensed pad. The requested Milolii site is about 15 ft. above sea level and 100 yards east of the open shelter facilities. The Polihale site is approx. 300 yards from the shoreline on the southwest end of Polihale State Park. The Kokee helipad is located at the site of the Kokee Lodge, between the Na Pali Coast and Waimea Canyon.

OAHU

SHORELINE SETBACK VARIANCE FOR INSTALLATION OF CHAIN-LINK FENCE, WAILUPE, Kokudo Keikaku K.K./Dept. of Land Utilization, City and County of Honolulu

The applicant proposes to construct a 6-ft. high, 358 ft. long chain-link fence on the eastern property line of a 49,257 sq. ft. lot (TMK: 3-6-03:04). The final 40-ft. section of the fence lies within the 40-ft. Shoreline Setback Area.

HAWAII

PAHOA AGRICULTURAL PARK, PHASE II, KEONEPOKO IKI, PUNA, Dept. of Land and Natural Resources

The proposed project consists of the development of 34 lots with minimum areas of 5 acres as the second phase of the Pahoia Agricultural Park. The park will contain areas for flowers, foliage, and nursery products. One dwelling unit per lot will be allowed. Support facilities provided by the State will include water service, power and telephone service, and access for each lot. The project area consists of approx. 185 acres located in the Puna District, just north of Pahoia Village (TMK: 1-5-09: por. 09).

SUBDIVISION OF ABANDONED HOMESTEAD ROAD REMNANT, KEALAKEHE, NORTH KONA, Dept. of Land and Natural Resources

The proposed action involves the subdivision of an abandoned homestead road remnant (TMK: 7-4-14:4) containing approx. 5,687 sq. ft. into 3 parcels. Parcel A would contain 2,632 sq. ft. Parcel B would contain 1,543 sq. ft. Parcel C would contain 1,512 sq. ft. These 3 parcels will be sold to the abutting and adjoining private property owners for consolidation and utilization with their respective parcels.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

EIS's listed in this section are available for review at the following public depositories: Environmental Quality Commission; Legislative Reference Bureau; Hamilton Library; State Main Library and the Kaimuki, Kaneohe, Pearl City, Hilo, Kahului, and Lihue Regional Libraries. Statements are also available at State Branch Libraries that are in proximity to the site of a proposed action (indicated by project description).

EIS's AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT. *Comments on the following EIS's may be sent to: 1) the accepting authority; and 2) the proposing agency (indicated on the EIS routing slip). Please note the deadline date for submitting written comments on the EIS's.*

KAUKONAHUA-POAMOHO STREAM IMPROVEMENTS, WAIALUA-HALEIWA, OAHU, Dept. of Public Works, City and County of Honolulu

The proposed action consists of stream bank improvements to minimize the flood hazard along Poamoho, Kiikii, and Kaukonahua Streams. The project is located in the vicinity of the Poamoho-Kaukonahua confluence, approx. 1,400 ft. downstream of the Farrington Hwy. bridge that crosses Kaukonahua Stream (TMK: 6-6-22, 24, 25, 27, and TMK: 6-7-06, 09). About 900 ft. of the west bank of lower Kaukonahua Stream and upper Kiikii Stream will be built up and lined, and the east bank will be grassed. The mouth of Poamoho Stream

will be realigned and widened.

EIS also available for review at the Wahiawa and Waialua Branch Libraries and at the Kahuku Community-School Library.

Deadline for comments: January 7, 1980.

PROPOSED VINEYARD STREET GARAGE PROJECT, HONOLULU, Dept. of Accounting and General Services

The proposed project consists of the construction of a 5-story parking structure on a 2.44-acre site located at the mauka edge of the State Capitol Complex on Vineyard St. near the intersection of Punchbowl and Vineyard Streets. There will be a maximum of 533 spaces, with 83 metered spaces on the ground level for public parking and the remaining 450 spaces on the upper levels for State employees. The garage will replace the existing 556 employee parking spaces, and will occupy 35,286 sq. ft. of the parcel. Landscaping will cover approx. 67% of the total ground area of the project site, and will be provided on the sides and roof-top of the structure. Vineyard St. will be incorporated into the landscaping plans, thereby creating a barrier for through traffic.

EIS also available for review at the Kalihi-Palama, Liliha, and McCully-Moiliili Branch Libraries. Technical reports (i.e., noise, traffic and air quality impact studies) are available for review at the State Main Library and the EQC Office.

Deadline for comments: January 7, 1980.

EIS SUBMITTED FOR ACCEPTANCE. The following EIS contains comments and responses made during the review and response period.

CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE SELECTION, WAIPAHAU, OAHU, (REVISED), Dept. of Accounting and General Services

Previously reported on October 23, 1979.

Status: Accepted by Governor Ariyoshi on November 27, 1979.

REGISTER OF SHORELINE PROTECTION ACT DOCUMENTS

The projects listed in this section have been filed with the City and County of Honolulu Dept. of Land Utilization pursuant to Ordinance 4529, relating to the Interim Shoreline Protection District for Oahu. The project is located within the Special Management Area of Oahu. Contact the DLU at 523-4077 for additional information.

CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL PARKING AND DINING FACILITIES, DIAMOND HEAD, The Outrigger Canoe Club

Determination - Negative Declaration

The applicant proposes to add 3 half-levels of parking structure to an existing structure to provide 91 additional parking stalls. Also, 4,100 sq. ft. of additional dining facilities will be constructed above the existing facilities. The project site is located makai of Kalakaua Ave. (TMK: 3-1-32:31).

CONSTRUCTION OF STOREFRONT/WAREHOUSE COMPLEX, SAND ISLAND ACCESS ROAD, Pacific Business Properties

Determination - Negative Declaration

The applicant proposes to demolish 2 existing structures and construct a 2-story storefront/warehouse complex on a 36,500 sq. ft. lot. The storefront will contain a total of 9,000 sq. ft., and the abutting warehouse will contain 16,500 sq. ft. In addition, a 30-stall outdoor paved parking area will be constructed.

NEPA DOCUMENTS

The following documents have been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Contact the Office of Environmental Quality Control for more information at 548-6915.

DRAFT EIS FOR HAWAII DREDGED MATERIAL DISPOSAL SITES DESIGNATION, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The proposed action consists of the designation of 5 Hawaiian ocean disposal sites for the continued disposal of maintenance dredged materials. The proposed sites are located off of South Oahu; Nawiliwili, Kauai; Port Allen, Kauai; Kahului, Maui; and Hilo, Hawaii. The proposed South Oahu site is intended for use by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) and the Dept. of the Navy for the disposal of dredged material originating from Honolulu and Pearl Harbors. The other proposed sites will be used exclusively by the COE as disposal sites for the adjacent harbors. The proposed action will provide an environmentally acceptable area for the disposal of dredged materials which comply with EPA's Ocean Dumping Regulations and Criteria.

Contact: Mr. T. A. Wastler, Chief
Marine Protection Branch (WH-548)
Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C. 20460

Copies of the draft EIS may be obtained from: Environmental Protection Agency
300 Ala Moana Blvd. Rm. 1302
Honolulu, HI 96813
Ph. 546-8910

Deadline for comments to EPA: Jan. 15, 1980.

EXCESSING OF MILITARY REAL ESTATE, EWA, OAHU, U.S. Army Support Command, Hawaii

Finding of No Significant Impact

The USASCH proposes to place the Honouliuli Military Reservation (Installation No. 15125) into excess status for disposal since it is no longer required for Army use. The Reservation (formerly Camp Malakole) is located west of Barber's Point Naval Air Station, and is bounded on the west by the Pacific Ocean, on the north by the proposed Barber's Point deep draft harbor, on the south by Campbell Industrial Park, and on the east by a U.S. Government Reservation.

EXCESSING OF MILITARY REAL ESTATE, HONOLULU, OAHU, U.S. Army Support Command, Hawaii

Finding of No Significant Impact

The USASCH proposes to place the Army Recruiting Station (Bldg. T-9D, Installation No. 15015) into excess status for disposal

since it is no longer required for Army use. The Station was formerly part of the Fort Armstrong Military Reservation.

It is located at the intersection of Mililani and Halekauwila Streets in the Honolulu Harbor area.

CABLE EASEMENT FOR HONOLULU AIRPORT SURVEILLANCE RADAR, FORT KAMEHAMEHA, OAHU, U.S. Army Support Command, Hawaii

Finding of No Significant Impact

The proposed action consists of granting a cable easement through a portion of Fort Kamehameha Military Reservation. The easement is required for a Federal Aviation Agency project to resite the existing airport surveillance radar facility located at Honolulu International Airport. The easement will be 6 ft. wide and approx. 235 ft. long.

POWER SUPPLY PROJECT FOR NAVY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY, MAUNA KAPU, OAHU, U.S. Army Support Command, Hawaii

Finding of No Significant Impact

The proposed action is to permit Navy use of Army land within existing road easement areas to allow the Navy to construct an underground power transmission connection. Navy electrical requirements are satisfied by underground cables extending from the upper portion of Palehua Rd. to the communications facility. However, due to Army plans to abandon its portion of the underground cables, the Navy has chosen to construct an underground connection to an existing Hawaiian Electric Company transmission system close to its facility, rather than to incur the expense of maintaining the old system.

EXCESSING OF NORTH SECTOR COMMAND POST, WAHIAWA, OAHU, U.S. Army Support Command, Hawaii

Finding of No Significant Impact


The USASCH proposes to place the North Sector Command Post (Installation No. 15680) into excess status for disposal since it is no longer required for Army

use. The installation is located in Wahiawa, southwest of Helemano Military Reservation and ~~northeast of Peanohe Camp Rd., about 3~~ miles from Schofield Barracks by road. The total area of the installation is 6.20 acres.

EXCESSING OF PORTION OF WAIANAE-KAI MILITARY RESERVATION, WAIANAE, OAHU, U.S. Army Support Command, Hawaii

Finding of No Significant Impact

The USASCH proposes to place a portion of the Waianae-Kai Military Reservation (Installation No. 15985) into excess status for disposal since it is no longer required for Army use. The 4.02-acre parcel of land is located in Waianae, approx. 30 miles southwest of Schofield Barracks by road, and adjacent to Farrington Highway.



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