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## New Power Station on Maui

Maui Electric Company plans to build a 232 megawatt electrical generation facility on approximately 67 acres of land located in central Maui. In addition, the electric company may locate its existing transmission and distribution base yard from its location in Kahului to the new facility.

The site is located north of Waiko Road at its intersection with Pulehu Road. The site is owned by Maui Electric Company and is currently leased to Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar for sugarcane cultivation. Surrounding land uses include quarrying activities, a county landfill and sugar cultivation. The electric company will be requesting land use changes from agriculture to urban/heavy industrial to allow for the power generation project on the site.

The power generation station will include four diesel oil fired 58 megawatt

power generation units, four steam turbines, water and wastewater facilities, injection wells, fuel storage tanks, related 69 kilovolt transmission lines, and other accessory facilities.

Maui Electric Company will be preparing an environmental impact statement to evaluate the project. Some of the impacts associated with the project that will be covered by the environmental impact statement include: air quality, land use, noise, visual, biological, and cultural resources.

The air quality study will analyze the dispersion patterns of particulates, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen oxides from the power station to determine potential effects on ambient air quality. Visual simulations will be prepared to depict the project during its initial phase and after it is fully developed. For more information, please see page 8.

## "Stairway to Heaven" may be demolished.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Coast Guard will be preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for the closure of its Omega Station in Ha'iku Valley, Kane'ohe, Hawaii. The station will be closed on **September 30, 1997**. The most significant actions include hardening or demolishing buildings; repairing or removing the Haiku Stairs ("Stairway to Heaven"); lowering the six antenna spans strung above the valley; and cleaning up several debris areas remaining from the Navy occupation (1940s - 1970s).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE DUE BY APRIL 8, 1997.** See page 21 for story.

## DLNR Forest Stewardship Committee Meeting

The Hawaii State Forest Stewardship Coordination Committee will hold its next quarterly meeting on Tuesday, March 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m. at the Lyon Arboretum Visitor Center at 3860 Manoa Road in Honolulu. The Committee will review a management plan submitted by Kauai landowner Bill Cowern, to establish 1600 acres of short-rotation Eucalyptus trees in the Koloa area. The Committee will also be addressing a number of policy and administrative issues currently affecting the Forest Stewardship Program. For more information, contact Karl Dalla Rosa, Program Coordinator at 924-8909.

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## Draft Environmental Assessments



### (1) PrimeCo Telecommunications Facility at Kailua

**District:** Koolaupoko  
**TMK:** 4-5-35:por. 5  
**Applicant:** PrimeCo Personal Communica-  
tions  
1132 Bishop Street, Suite 1105  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Ted Tsagris (566-9430)

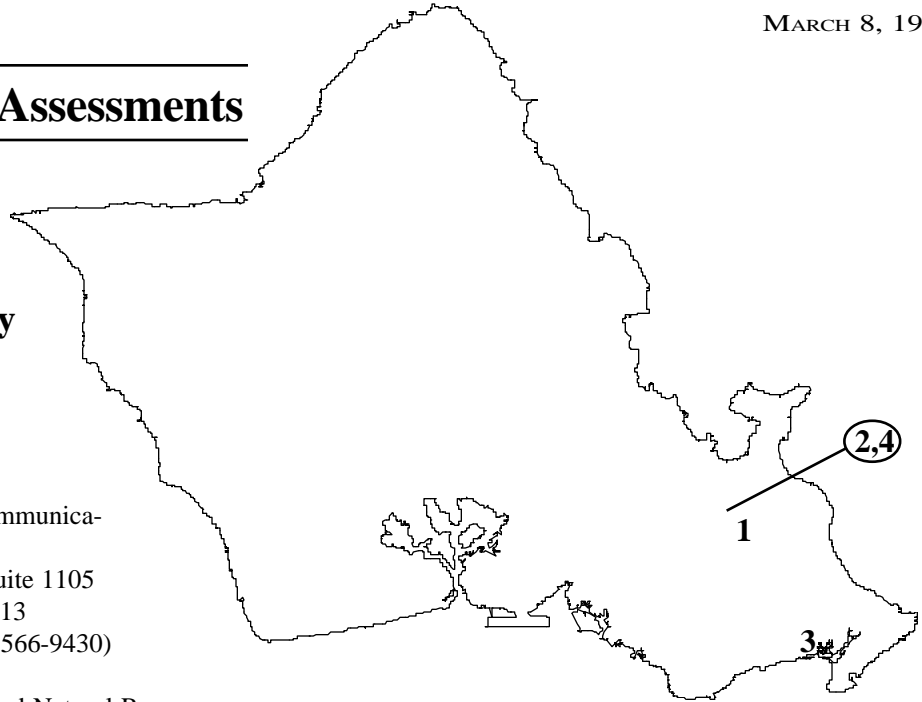
**Accepting  
Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Land Division  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Lauren Tanaka (587-0385)

#### Public Comment

**Deadline:** April 7, 1997  
**Status:** DEA First Notice, pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicant with  
copies to the accepting authority and OEQC.

PrimeCo is proposing the construction of a new personal communications services (PCS) antenna facility near the south corner of the intersection of Kamehameha, Pali, and Kalaniana'ole Highways in Kailua, Oahu.

The project will involve the construction of a new equipment shelter and the installation of one eighty feet high pole. The area of the parcel is 33,700 square feet, of which 600 square feet will be developed. The land is leased from the Alice H. and James C. Castle Trust and is located on Kaneohe Ranch.



## Final Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI)



### (2) Cunanan Single Family Residence and Related Improvements

**District:** Koolaupoko  
**TMK:** 4-2-11:19  
**Applicant:** Romeo & Linda Cunanan  
15 Knight Drive  
Newnan, Georgia 30263  
Contact: Romeo Cunanan (770-251-4140)

**Accepting  
Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Land Division  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Lauren Tanaka (587-0385)

#### Public Challenge

**Deadline:** April 7, 1997  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

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The Cunanans are proposing to construct a single family dwelling on 1 acre of a lot which has 35.76 acres in total. A swimming pool, an open lanai and trellis, a paved driveway and carport, domestic and irrigation waterline improvements, and a septic tank will be installed as accessory facilities.

On the southwest corner of the carport, a retention pond will be built and a 4-foot high lava rock wall on its north side will provide some visual restrictions.

The project building site would be located within the land parcel that is bordered on the east, south and west by the Pali Highway and on the north by Kianaole Road, mauka and above the Pali Golf Course.



## (3) Gedatsu Church Redevelopment (Special Management Area)

**District:** Honolulu  
**TMK:** 3-8-03:12, 42, 43, 62 and 63  
**Applicant:** Gedatsu Church of Hawaii  
6095 Summer Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821  
Contact: Reverend Shigetaka Okano (396-0363)

**Accepting Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Land Utilization  
650 South King Street, 7th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Jeff Lee (527-6274)

**Consultant:** Kusao & Kurahashi, Inc.  
210 Ward Avenue, Suite 124  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814  
Contact: Keith Kurahashi (538-6652)

### Public Challenge

**Deadline:** April 7, 1997  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI (SMA) issued, project may proceed.

The proposed project is located in a residential community in Kuliouou, approximately 10 miles east of downtown Honolulu. The project site consists of four (4) parcels located along and near the shoreline at Kuliouou Beach Park and Paiko Peninsula.

The applicant, The Gedatsu Church of Hawaii, was established at this location in 1980. Church membership is approximately 70 persons with services being conducted approximately twice a month.

The applicant is proposing to remove the existing residence that serves as the church and two other existing single-family residences and replace these structures with a new larger church building and 15 parking stalls. One of the four existing residences and three parking stalls would be retained.

The new church building would be a single-story structure covering approximately 9,124 square feet, and would contain a sanctuary/assembly area, office, meditation room, two conference rooms, restrooms, a social activity room, kitchen and storage rooms. One of two existing driveways would be relocated from Summer Street to an existing access drive located west of the current church building. The other 14-foot wide access driveway would be widened to 24-foot fronting the proposed new church.

The applicant anticipates conducting regular Sunday services after the new church is constructed. The applicant also expects the congregation to grow to approximately 100 persons over the next 10 to 20 years.

All parcels involved in the proposed project are located within the Special Management Area (SMA) and will require an SMA permit pursuant to Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH). The proposed project also requires a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Site Plan Review from the Department of Land Utilization, City and County of Honolulu.



## (4) Pali Property Residential Site

**District:** Honolulu  
**TMK:** 4-2-11:28  
**Applicant:** Joseph Wasco, III (637-7504)  
P.O. Box 300  
Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712

**Accepting Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Ed Henry (587-0377)

**Consultant:** KM Associates, Inc.  
687 Auahi Street  
Honolulu, HI  
Contact: Kalani Miller (545-3811)

### Public Challenge

**Deadline:** April 7, 1997  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The proposed project consists of the construction of a single family residence. The 0.87 acre project building site would be located within the 8.654 acre irregularly shaped land parcel that is generally bordered on the east, south and west by the Pali Highway and on the north by Auloa Road, mauka and above the Pali Golf Course. Other than one other single family residence on the makai side of Auloa Road, approximately 400 feet east of the project site and outside the proposed project boundaries, there are no other residences in the immediate project area.

This document has been accepted for processing by the Department as of October 21, 1996.

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## Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

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### Draft Environmental Assessments

#### 🗺 Amjadi After-The-Fact Revetment

**Applicant:** Darius H. Amjadi  
1380 Lusitania Street, Suite 511  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Darius Amjadi (599-4433)

**Accepting Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Land Utilization  
650 South King Street, 7th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Steve Tagawa (523-4817)

**Public Comment Deadline:** March 25, 1997

#### 🗺 Waipahu Independent Living Apartment Complex

**Applicant:** Independent Living Waipahu, Inc.  
677 Ala Moana  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Elaine Shinagawa (531-1941 x 22)

**Accepting Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Housing and Community Development  
650 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Robert Agres, Jr. (523-4427)

**Public Comment Deadline:** March 25, 1997

## Final Environmental Impact Statements Pending Acceptance

#### 🗺 New Manoa Public Library

**Applicant:** Department of Accounting and General Services  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 430  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Ralph Morita (586-0486)

**Accepting Authority:** Governor, State of Hawaii  
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control  
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
**Status:** FEIS currently being reviewed by OEQC for the Governor, State of Hawaii.

#### 🗺 Waialua-Haleiwa Wastewater Facilities

**Applicant:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Wastewater Management  
650 South King Street, 3rd Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Jared Lum (523-4654)

**Accepting Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Planning Department  
650 South King Street, 8th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
**Status:** FEIS currently being reviewed by the Planning Department, City and County of Honolulu.



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### (1) Ihle Shoreline Setback Variance

**District:** Lahaina  
**TMK:** 4-5-03:24  
**Applicant:** Mr. & Mrs. David Ihle  
512 Frances Street  
Hudson, Wisconsin 54104  
Contact: John Min (242-1955)

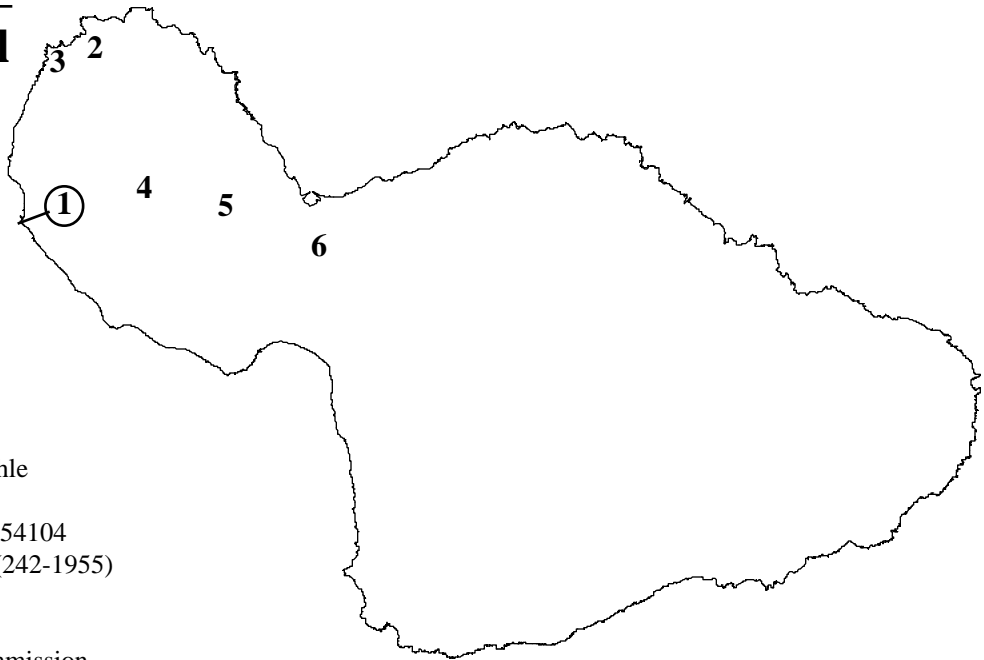
**Accepting Authority:** County of Maui  
Maui Planning Commission  
250 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: David Blane (243-7735)

**Consultant:** Chris Hart & Partners  
1955 Main Street, Suite 200  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: John Min (242-1955)

#### Public Comment

**Deadline:** April 7, 1997  
**Status:** DEA First Notice, pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

Mrs. and Mrs. David Ihle is requesting a Shoreline Setback Variance in order to include a wading pool, pool deck, and landscape plantings within the 25-foot shoreline setback area on their 7,174 square-foot parcel located at 1037 Front Street in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. The wading pool will extend 21 feet into the 25-foot shoreline setback area and portions of the deck will extend 24 feet into the 25-foot shoreline setback area. The applicant proposes to demolish a two-story single-family dwelling and replace it with a larger two-story single-family dwelling. A 10-foot high retaining wall and stairway to the shoreline is situated along the makai-side of the subject property and physically defines the certified shoreline. There are large rocks and boulder along the base of the wall and no sand beach. The original platted area of the parcel was 8,109 square feet; however, approximately 935 square feet of ocean front land has been lost to



erosion and the lot depth reduced approximately 13 feet. No SMA permit was issued for the existing improvements within the 25-foot shoreline setback area. The property is located in Zone V-12, an area susceptible to tsunami inundation, and Zone A-4, an area susceptible to flooding. However, the lot has been extensively filled since the 1940's and 50's, that all habitable areas of the proposed residence will be above the regulatory flood elevation.

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### (2) Brennan Single Family Residence

**District:** Lahaina  
**TMK:** 4-2-04:31 and por. 32  
**Applicant:** John and Susan Brennan  
11212 Mann Road  
Mooresville, Indiana 46158  
Contact: Rory Frampton (242-1955)

**Accepting Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Lauren Tanaka (587-0385)

**Consultant:** Chris Hart & Partners  
1955 Main Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Rory Frampton (242-1955)

**Public Challenge**

**Deadline:** April, 1997  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The proposed project will involve the construction of a single family residence and associated improvements. The dwelling will be one story and incorporate architectural features such as split pitch roofs and covered lanais, reflective of island living.

A landscaping plan will utilize native trees, shrubs, and groundcover. Associated improvements include the development of a new highway access and driveway, waterline, wastewater treatment system, and a shallow asphalt or concrete swale along the makai side of the Honoapiilani Highway to prevent erosion of the embankment.



### (3) Hawea Point Consolidation and Resubdivision

**District:** Lahaina  
**TMK:** 4-2-01:3  
**Applicant:** Mr. T.P. Liem  
3 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1133  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
Contact: James Barnes (956-3999)

**Accepting Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Land Division  
P.O. Box 621  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809  
Contact: Ed Henry (587-0380)

**Consultant:** Group 70 International, Inc.  
925 Bethel Street, 5th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Jeffrey Overton (523-5866 x 111)

**Public Challenge**

**Deadline:** April 7, 1997  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The project involves the consolidation and resubdivision of 1,600 sq. ft. of land to relocate an existing U.S. Coast Guard light pole. The proposed site has been accepted by the U.S. Coast Guard and the light pole function will continue with no affect to navigation. CDUA and SMA approvals have been granted by the DLNR and County of Maui for the light pole relocation.

The project is anticipated to have no significant economic effects, and no effect upon the social or environmental characteristics of this site. There are no rare or endangered native plants and/or animals present at the light pole relocation site.

The proposed action requires a Departmental Permit under Title 13-5 HAR "Consolidation and resubdivision into an equal number of lots that does not result in increased density."



### (4) Kapunakea Preserve Natural Area Partnership

**District:** Lahaina  
**TMK:** 4-4-07-01, 4-4-07-03, 4-4-07-07, 4-4-07-08  
**Applicant:** Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Betsy Gagne' (587-0063)  
and  
The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii  
1116 Smith Street, Suite 201  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Contact: Wendy Fulks (537-4508)

**Accepting Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Betsy Gagne' (587-0063)

**Public Challenge**

**Deadline:** April 7, 1997  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife is proposing to renew a long-term management agreement with The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii to manage the 1,264-acre Kapunakea Preserve in the District of Lahaina, County of Maui. This

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project is part of the Natural Area Partnership Program, a state program that provides 2:1 matching funds for natural area protection efforts on private lands of Natural Area Reserve quality.

The preserve is on the leeward side of West Maui and borders two natural areas that are also managed to protect natural resources: Puu Kukui Watershed Management Area (privately owned) and the Honokowai section of the state West Maui Natural Area Reserve. These protected areas form more than 13,000 acres of contiguous, managed watershed.

In addition to intermittent streams, the preserve contains one rare natural community (the Ohia Mixed Montane Bog) and nine other natural community types. These range from lowland mesic (moist) shrublands to montane wet forests.

Rare plant and animal taxa are also protected in Kapunakea Preserve. To date, 24 rare plant taxa (7 federally listed as endangered) and 4 rare snail taxa have been reported from Kapunakea.

Preserve management programs are reducing threats to the area's native species. Threats include ungulates, invasive non-native plants, and rodents. Active management to reduce these serious threats also maintains important watershed cover vital to Maui's domestic, agricultural, commercial, and environmental needs. Other positive impacts of the proposed project include: tracking of biological resources in the preserve, decreased erosion, improved water quality within and below the preserve, and public outreach to educate the community about Hawaii's natural heritage.



## (5) Mill Street Retaining Wall

**District:** Wailuku  
**TMK:** Mill Street Row  
**Applicant:** County of Maui  
Department of Public Works and Waste Management  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Charles Jencks (243-7845)

**Accepting Authority:**

County of Maui  
Department of Public Works and Waste Management  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Charles Jencks (243-7845)

**Consultant:**

Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc.  
305 High Street, Suite 104  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Milton Arakawa (244-2015)

**Public Challenge**

**Deadline:**

April 7, 1997

**Status:**

FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The proposed project involves construction of a new retaining wall along approximately 360 lineal feet of the Wailuku Town side (eastern) frontage of Mill Street. The wall is proposed to be constructed within the County right-of-way in approximately the same location where remnants of the wall currently exist. The retaining wall would vary from approximately 14 to 22 feet above the Mill Street roadway surface. The concrete footing is located next to the property line and extends horizontally from 13 feet to 14 feet 4 inches. However, the 2-foot thick vertical concrete wall is located 6 feet from the property line. A stone veneer is proposed on the face of the retaining wall. A 5-foot fence will be erected on top of the retaining wall for safety purposes.

Construction is anticipated to take 2 months. The estimated construction cost is approximately \$650,000.

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## (6) Waena Power Generating Station

**District:** Wailuku  
**TMK:** 3-8-03:por. 01  
**Applicant:** Maui Electric Company, Ltd.  
P.O. Box 398  
Kahului, Hawaii 96732  
Contact: Ed Reinhardt (871-8461)



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**Accepting Authority:**

County of Maui  
Planning Department  
250 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: David Blane (243-7735)

**Consultant:**

CH2M Hill  
1585 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1420  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4530  
Contact: Mark Willey (943-1133)

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:**

April 7, 1997

**Status:**

EISPN First Notice, pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

Maui Electric Company, Limited (MECO) is proposing to construct and operate a 232-MW power generation station on approximately 67 acres adjacent to Pulehu Road in central Maui. The Waena Power Generation Station would consist of four 58-MW dual-train combined cycle units which would be installed in phases, with the first phase scheduled for operation in the year 2004. The site of the project is owned in fee by MECO. The site is currently under sugarcane cultivation.

The purpose of the project is to increase MECO's capacity to meet future energy demands on the island of Maui.

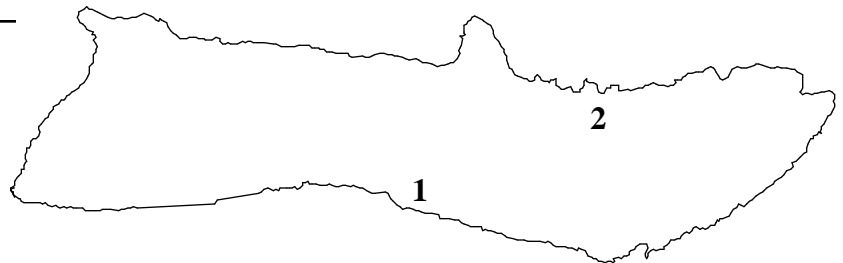
The power station will include a generating plant area, switching yard, administration buildings, fuel storage tanks, warehouses, and possible transmission and distribution facilities. Portions of the site have the potential to be made available for private sector-sponsored small-scale energy-related projects on an interim or long-term basis.

MECO will be requesting a change in the Maui County Community Plan and Zoning designations for the site to allow for heavy industrial use. In addition, a request will be made to the State Land Use Commission to redesignate the parcel from the Agriculture District to the Urban District. In preparation of these applications, MECO will be preparing an environmental impact statement. Some of the impacts associated with the project that the EIS will cover include: air quality, traffic, noise, land use, biological resources, cultural resources, visual resources, water resources, and geophysical resources.



# Molokai Notices

## Final Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI)



### (1) Home Pumehana Elderly Housing Project

**District:** Molokai  
**TMK:** 5-3-2:168  
**Applicant:** Hale Mahaolu  
200 Hina Avenue  
Kahului, Hawaii 96732  
Contact: Roy Katsuda (877-6242)

**Accepting Authority:**

County of Maui  
Department of Housing and Human Concerns  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Mark Percell (243-7735)

**Consultant:**

Chris Hart & Partners  
1955 Main Street, Suite 200  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: John Min (242-1955)

**Public Challenge**

**Deadline:** April 7, 1997

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**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

Hale Mahaolu, a non-profit Hawaii corporation, is proposing a 5-unit addition to its existing 80-unit elderly housing project, Home Pumehana, at Kaunakakai. The project site is situated west of the Mitchell Pauole Community Center and *makai* of Kolapa Place. The property is owned by the County of Maui and under a 99-year lease to Hale Mahaolu to the Year 2079.

The Home Pumehana elderly housing project opened in 1980 with 80 one bedroom units and was designed to be expanded, as needed. The existing project consists of 16 one-story buildings, a laundry/meeting facility, and paved parking stalls on approximately 55 percent of the 9.899 acre parcel. The remaining 45 percent of the property is undeveloped and maintained as lawn or garden area.

The proposed project will be sited within an open lawn area and consist of a one-story building with five (5) one-bedroom apartment units, 5 paved parking stalls, and related improvements. The project will be operated by Hale Mahaolu to provide affordable housing for elderly persons with incomes in the range of 60 percent or below of median income.

## (2) Pelekunu Preserve Natural Area Partnership

**District:** Molokai  
**TMK:** owned in full: 5-4-3-32, 5-9-7-17; 83%: 5-9-6-11; 5-9-7-1, 4, 11, 14, 16, 21, 24, 30, 31, 32, 33; 5-9-8-5, 6, 7, 10, 12

**Applicant:** Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Betsy Gagne' (587-0063)  
and  
The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii  
1116 Smith Street, Suite 201  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Contact: Wendy Fulks (537-4508)

**Accepting Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325  
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Contact: Betsy Gagne' (587-0063)

### Public Challenge

**Deadline:** April 7, 1997

**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife is proposing to renew a long-term management agreement with The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii to manage the 5,759-acre Pelekunu Preserve on the island of Molokai, County of Maui. This project is part of the Natural Area Partnership Program, a state program that provides 2:1 matching funds for natural area protection efforts on private lands of Natural Area Reserve quality.

The preserve, located in the northeast sector of Molokai encompasses the majority of Pelekunu Valley and also the adjacent Waihoookalo Valley. Pelekunu Preserve contains one of Hawaii's last remaining intact, perennial stream ecosystems. Pelekunu Preserve is bordered by four other managed natural areas. Together, these managed areas protect more than 22,000 acres of contiguous ecosystems that range from sea level to 4,970 feet in elevation.

In addition to the rare Hawaiian Continuous Perennial Stream community, Pelekunu Preserve contains 13 other natural community types. These are more widespread aquatic and terrestrial communities, including coastal, lowland, and montane grasslands, shrubland, and forest types.

Rare plants and animals are also protected in Pelekunu Preserve. To date 27 rare plant taxa have been reported from this area, including 8 that are federally listed endangered species, and 1 that is listed as threatened. The preserve also contains native birds and at least two endemic achatinellid land snail species.

Preserve management programs are reducing threats to the area's native species and protecting the rare stream system. Threats include hoofed mammals (pigs, goats and axis deer), alien plants, and water development. Other positive impacts of the proposed project include tracking of biological resources in the preserve, decreased erosion, maintenance of water quality and natural flow regimes within a stream system known for its biological importance, and public outreach to educate the community about Hawaii's natural heritage.

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### (1) Kanepuu Preserve Natural Area Partnership

**District:** Lanai  
**TMK:** 4-9-02-01  
**Applicant:** Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Betsy Gagne' (587-0063)  
and  
The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii  
1116 Smith Street, Suite 201  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Contact: Wendy Fulks (537-4508)

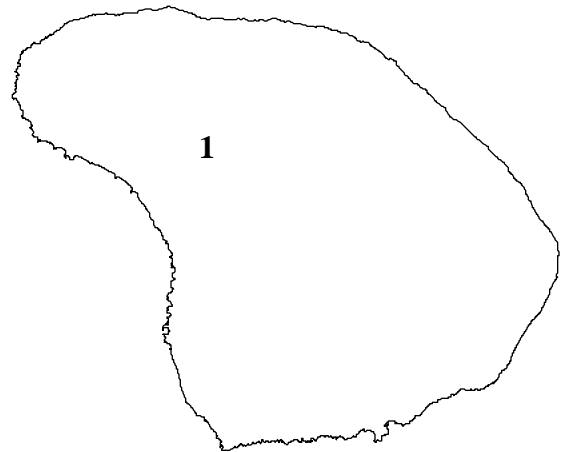
**Accepting Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Betsy Gagne' (587-0063)

#### Public Challenge

**Deadline:** April 7, 1997  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife is proposing to renew a long-term management agreement with The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii to manage the 590-acre Kanepuu Preserve on the island of Lanai, County of Maui. This project is part of the Natural Area Partnership Program, a state program that provides 2:1 matching funds for natural area protection efforts on private lands of Natural Area Reserve quality.

The preserve is northwest of Lanai City and is comprised of seven disjunct sections ranging from 13 to 368 acres in size. The elevation in this area is approximately 1,700 feet. Kanepuu Preserve was created to protect and enhance the



olopua/lama (*Nestegis/Diospyros*) dryland forest that once covered large portions of the lowlands on Maui, Molokai, Kahoolawe, and Lanai. Today, Kanepuu contains the last major remnant of this rare dryland forest community.

Four listed endangered plants are currently found in the preserve: the fragrantly flowered *Gardenia brighamii*, sandalwood or iliahi (*Santalum freycinetianum* var. *lanaiense*), the vining *Bonamia menziesii*, and the mao hau hele (*Hibiscus brackenridgei* ssp. *brackenridgei*). The mao hau hele was planted in the preserve and may not have occurred there naturally. Native invertebrates and two common species of native birds are also present in Kanepuu Preserve.

Preserve management programs are reducing threats to the area's native species. Major threats include introduced game animals (axis deer and mouflon sheep), cattle, rapid soil erosion, wildfire, and a number of invasive alien (non-native) plants. Other positive impacts of the proposed project include: tracking of biological resources in the preserve, and public outreach to educate the community about Hawaii's natural heritage.



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### (1) Hilo Base Facility of the Gemini 8-Meter Telescope

**District:** South Hilo  
**TMK:** 2-4-01:por. 7  
**Applicant:** Association of Universities for Research in Technology (AURA)  
c/o Gemini 8-Meter Telescope  
660 No. Aohoku Place  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Contact: Steve Hardash (935-4064)

**Accepting Authority:** University of Hawaii at Hilo  
Administrative Affairs  
200 West Kawili Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Contact: Mr. Lo-Li Chih (974-7595)

**Consultant:** Sidney Fuke (969-1522)  
100 Pauahi Street, Suite 212  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

#### Public Comment

**Deadline:** April 7, 1997  
**Status:** DEA First Notice, pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

The Association of Universities for Research in Technology (AURA) is proposing to construct a sea-level base facility for the support staff of the Gemini 8-Meter telescope and observatory which is under construction on the summit of Mauna Kea. The proposed location of the facility is a 2 +/- acre portion of land in the developing research and technology park of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Waiakea, South Hilo District.

The subject area is a portion of a 202.736 acre parcel located adjacent and to the west of the university campus in the vicinity of Komohana Street. Further, it is designated for University Use on the County of Hawaii General Plan Land



Use Pattern Allocation Guide. All public services and utilities are currently available to the parcel, and all infrastructure has been developed. Based on previous surveys conducted of the area, no adverse environmental impacts are anticipated with the development.

Gemini 8-Meter telescope and observatory project will be funded by the governments of the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Chile, Argentina, and Brazil.

A one-story structure will be located adjacent to the existing California Institute of Technology's astronomy sea-level base facility in the University Park. The three-phase construction plans reflect a 21,280 +/- square feet structure with related parking and landscaping improvements. Approximately 31 research and support personnel will utilize the facility.

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### (2) Lincoln Park Improvement Project

**District:** South Hilo  
**TMK:** 2-3-10: 1  
**Applicant:** County of Hawaii  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
25 Aupuni Street, Room 210  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Contact: Glenn Miyao (961-8311)

**Accepting Authority:** County of Hawaii  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
25 Aupuni Street, Room 210  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Contact: Glenn Miyao (961-8311)

**Consultant:** Brian T. Nishimura, Planning Consultant  
101 Aupuni St. #217  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Contact: Brian Nishimura (935-7692)

**Public Challenge**  
**Deadline:** April 7, 1997  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The Department of Parks and Recreation, County of Hawaii, is proposing improvements to Lincoln Park which will increase recreational opportunities for the public. This existing public facility is located in downtown Hilo, Hawaii. The 1.346 acre parcel is situated on the northeastern corner of the Ponahawai Street-Kinoole Street intersection.

The proposed improvements will include the construction of a new courtyard entry which will include planters, walls and seats; an ornamental/security fence along Kinoole and Ponahawai streets; new play equipment with a covered pavilion, a new bandstand pavilion, 2 gateball and 2 horse-shoe courts within the central lawn area; extensive plantings of flowering groundcover, palms and flowering accent trees; a meandering walking path around the perimeter of the park with benches and picnic tables; night lighting and an upgrade of the existing pavilion/restroom facility to meet handicap accessibility requirements.

Construction of the proposed project is scheduled to begin in August, 1997 and is scheduled for completion in December, 1997. The proposed improvements have an estimated construction cost of \$400,000 and will be funded by a grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program as well as contributions from the community.

Upon review of all available information and comments, the Department of Parks and Recreation, County of Hawaii has determined that the nature and scale of the proposed project are such that no significant environmental effects are anticipated. Potential impacts, if any, can be mitigated through careful construction methods and compliance with all governmental requirements.

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### (3) HELCO 12.47/7.2 kV Overhead Distribution System in Puna

**District:** Puna  
**TMK:** 1-2-09:03 (por.); 1-2-30 to 41  
**Applicant:** Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. (HELCO)  
P.O. Box 1027  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Contact: Clyde Nagata (969-0321)

**Accepting Authority:** County of Hawaii, Planning Department  
25 Aupuni Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Contact: Virginia Goldstein (961-8288)

**Consultant:** R.M. Towill Corporation  
420 Waiakamilo Road, Suite 411  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Contact: Colette Sakoda (842-1133)

**Status:** FEIS accepted by the Planning Department, County of Hawaii on February 24, 1997.

Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. (HELCO) proposes to commence electrical service to three residential subdivisions in the Puna district through a 12.47/7.2 kilovolt (kV) overhead electrical distribution system. The electrifica-

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tion project known as the Special Subdivision Project Provision (SSPP) Program Unit-71, includes a system of four 35-foot, 219 40-foot, 102 45-foot and two 55-foot poles, and 149 anchors.

Tax Map Key numbers that constitute the project area: 1-2-09: 03 (portion) is located on State-owned property; and 1-2-30 to 41 are located within County of Hawaii rights-of-way.

Installation of poles and lines has started. No further work will be done until the conclusion of the environmental review process. The work is being done in two phases: one consists of an 8,710 foot long portion of the electrical distribution system that is co-located within an existing GTE Hawaiian Tel easement that contains an overhead telephone system that was built in 1984; and the other includes County of Hawaii rights-of-way throughout the three residential subdivisions located makai (seaward) of the first phase, within which telephone polelines have been in existence since 1984 as well. The subdivisions are Kalapana Seaview Estates, Puna Beach Palisades, and Kehena Beach Estates.

The objective of the SSPP Unit-71 program for rural electrification is for HELCO to provide line extension to qualifying residential lots within subdivisions developed before 1967 (PUC Rule 13-S).

The 8,710-foot long portion of the project is located on land under State of Hawaii jurisdiction. Therefore, an easement request to the State Board of Land and Natural Resources is required for the installation and maintenance of the distribution line. Approximately 9,100 linear feet of the makai portion located within County of Hawaii jurisdiction is located in the Special Management Area (SMA) district as designated by the County. Therefore, an SMA Use permit is being sought for the installation and maintenance of the HELCO polelines.

A Chapter 343, HRS, as amended, environmental assessment was prepared for the SSPP Unit-71 project. A negative declaration was issued (August 23, 1995 OEQC Bulletin) prior to continued installation of polelines in the makai (County of Hawaii) portion, and before commencement of work in the State-owned portion. However, in a ruling on June 26, 1996, the Third Circuit Court ordered that an environmental impact statement be prepared.



## (4) Hilo Judiciary Complex

**District:** South Hilo  
**TMK:** 2-6-15:1, 2; 2-6-16:2; 2-4-49:18, 19; 2-2-15:33; 2-4-1:12; 2-3-36:3; 2-3-32:1; 2-4-57:1  
**Applicant:** Department of Accounting and General Services  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Ralph Yukumoto (586-0488)  
**Accepting Authority:** Governor, State of Hawaii  
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control  
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
**Consultant:** Group 70 International, Inc.  
925 Bethel Street, 5th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Jeffrey Overton or Mary O'Leary (523-5866)  
**Status:** FEIS currently being reviewed by OEQC for the Governor, State of Hawaii.

A new judiciary complex is proposed for Hilo to service the East Hawaii Area of the Judiciary's Third Circuit on the island of Hawaii. The Hilo Judiciary Complex will replace the existing, inadequate facilities which are currently housed in three separate locations. According to the Judicial System Master Plan, "The existing Hilo Circuit Courthouse should be abandoned by the Court and replaced with a more functional facility." The new building will be designed to accommodate the judiciary needs of East Hawaii until 2010.

In 1994, a series of meetings conducted by the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) identified seven candidate sites for the new Judiciary Complex: Site A (TMK: 2-6-15: 1, 2 and 2-6-16: 2) is located on the north edge of Hilo adjacent to Highway 19; Site B (TMK: 2-4-49: 18, 19) is located on the south edge of Hilo along Volcano Highway, a portion of which contains the Hawaii Community Correction Facility's Hale Nani Annex; Site C (TMK: 2-2-15: 33) is the former J. C. Penney building located on the corner of Aupuni and Pauahi Streets; Site D (TMK: 2-4-1: 12) is located adjacent to the Sunrise Estates subdivision; Site E (TMK: 2-3-36: 3) is adjacent to Ponahawai Street mauka of Hilo's downtown area; Site F (TMK: 2-3-32: 1) is situated along Waiuanue Avenue across from Hilo Hospital; Site G (TMK:

2-4-57: 1) is located at the intersection of Kapiolani and Kawili Streets, across from Waiakea High School and the University of Hawaii at Hilo. These sites are described and evaluated in the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Site Selection Study.

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## Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

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#### ► Hoolulu Park Addition

**Applicant:** County of Hawaii  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
25 Aupuni Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Contact: Glenn Miyao (961-8311)

**Accepting Authority:** Same as above.  
**Public Comment Deadline:** March 25, 1997

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#### ► Keaau High School

**Applicant:** Department of Accounting and General Services  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Brian Isa (586-0484)

**Accepting Authority:** Governor, State of Hawaii  
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control  
220 South King Street, 4th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
**Status:** FEIS currently being reviewed by OEQC for the Governor, State of Hawaii.



### Position Available - Water Quality Monitoring Program Coordinator for Volunteer Staff

The water quality monitoring coordinator will establish a program to recruit and manage community volunteers per the recommendations of the Kailua Bay Advisory Council; develop and facilitate volunteer water quality monitoring, community watershed enhancement, and educational projects; develop and manage a budget; clearly communicate to the public the need for the program and its progress; and promote watershed stewardship.

Minimum qualifications: A full-time position, individual must have leadership and organizational skills; strong verbal and written communication skills; the ability to work with a variety of people, and work outdoors, traverse steep paths/roads, streams and on sandy beaches. Education: Master's Degree from a college or university of recognized standing, with major work in either marine science, biology, microbiology, resource management, or related field; and two (2) years of related work or any equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the following knowledge, abilities and skills: a) a thorough knowledge of the principles of the field of learning in which the work is performed; b) the ability to administer and coordinate programs and supervise volunteers, professionals, para-professionals, and clerical staff; c) the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with the general public, faculty, University, County, State, Federal officials; and d) the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with KBAC, project related staff, the general public, private and public organizations. Desirable Qualifications: maintain computer data bases and have grant writing experience. Extension of the program beyond three (3) years is contingent on the availability of funds. This is a contract position and compensation is negotiable with the range expected to be from \$30,000 to \$60,000 per year. **CLOSE DATE: APRIL 4, 1997.**

Please send applications to:

Julie Jirikowic  
Center for a Sustainable Future  
1000 Pope Road  
Honolulu, HI 96822  
Telephone: (808) 956-5097

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### CZM Program Now on Internet

The Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program is now on the internet at: <http://www.hawaii.gov/dbedt/czm.html>.

The homepage describes the CZM program, contains phone numbers and addresses, links, and most importantly, a Calendar of Events highlighting CZM activities.

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### (1) Kekaha Landfill, Phase II Vertical Expansion

**District:** Waimea  
**TMK:** 1-2-02:9  
**Applicant:** County of Kauai  
Department of Public Works  
4444 Rice Street, Room 230  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Contact: Troy Tanigawa (241-6880)

**Accepting Authority:** County of Kauai  
Department of Public Works  
4444 Rice Street, Room 230  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Contact: Troy Tanigawa (241-6880)

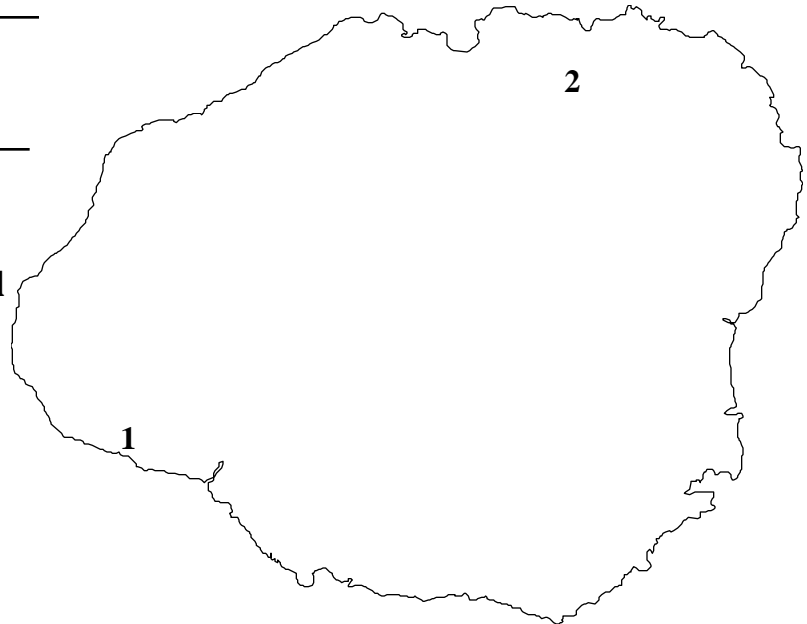
**Consultant:** Belt Collins Hawaii  
680 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 200  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Lesley Matsumoto (521-5361)

#### Public Comment

**Deadline:** April 7, 1997  
**Status:** DEA First Notice, pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The County of Kauai is proposing to vertically expand the existing Phase II area of the Kekaha Landfill to accommodate the short-term demands for solid waste disposal on the Island of Kauai. The existing landfill is the only permitted landfill on the island and is estimated to reach capacity in the middle of 1998. While longer-term solid waste disposal alternatives need to be identified, a process that will require at least five years, the proposed action is intended to address the short-term need for solid waste disposal.

The proposed action would increase the existing height of the landfill from 37 feet mean sea level (msl) to 60 feet msl. It would use the existing Phase II landfill area footprint, which covers a 63.2-acre area, and would essentially require a revised grading plan. No significant changes to daily operations would occur.



Potentially significant issues that are evaluated in the draft environmental assessment are stability, groundwater and leachate, air emissions from landfill gas flare, and visual aesthetics. Supporting technical analyses demonstrate that no significant impacts associated with these issues are expected to occur as a result of the proposed action. Rather, the proposed action will serve to avert potentially significant impacts on the environment and economy that could result if a solid waste disposal option is not provided.

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### (2) Kilauea Well No. 3 Exploratory Drilling and Testing

**District:** Hanalei  
**TMK:** 5-2-02:11  
**Applicant:** County of Kauai  
Department of Water  
P.O. Box 1706  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Contact: Ernest Lau (245-5408)



**Accepting Authority:**

County of Kauai  
Department of Water  
P.O. Box 1706  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Contact: Ernest Lau (245-5408)

**Consultant:**

Mink & Yuen Incorporated  
100 North Beretania Street, Suite 303  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Contact: George Yuen (536-0081)

**Public Challenge**

**Deadline:**

April 7, 1997

**Status:**

FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The County of Kauai, Department of Water proposes to drill, case, and pump test an exploratory potable water well, Kilauea Well No. 3, located approximately 3 miles south of Kilauea. Growth and expansion of the Kilauea and Kalihiwai service area has generated potable water demands that surpassed the capacities of the existing sources. The proposed well site is situated on C. Brewer Homes land that is currently not used and vacant. The well will be approximately 834 feet deep. The upper 474 feet will be cased with a 12-inch diameter steel casing. The lower 360 feet will consist of a 10-inch diameter open hole. The source yield may be up to 1 million gallons per day. The estimated cost of the proposed well project is \$600,000 and construction is expected to last about 6 months.

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● **Alanui O Kauai Nei Trails of Kauai**

**Applicant:**

Lloyd Imuaikaika Pratt (338-1279)  
Box 82  
Makaweli, Hawaii 96769

**Accepting Authority:**

Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Edwin Petteys (274-3433)

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:**

March 25, 1997

● **Hanamaulu and Lihue Water Development Projects, Phase I**

**Applicant:**

County of Kauai, Department of Water  
P.O. Box 1706  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Contact: Keith Fujimoto (245-5449)

**Accepting Authority:**

Same as above.

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:**

March 25, 1997

● **Hawaiian Wildlife Tours**

**Applicant:**

Hawaiian Wildlife Tours  
Box 681  
Kilauea, Hawaii 96754  
Contact: Dr. Carl Berg (639-2968)

**Accepting Authority:**

Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Edwin Petteys (274-3433)

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:**

March 25, 1997

● **Lihue Water Development Project, Phase I**

**Applicant:**

County of Kauai, Department of Water  
P.O. Box 1706  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Contact: Keith Fujimoto (245-5449)

**Accepting Authority:**

Same as above.

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:**

March 25, 1997



# Shoreline Notices

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## Shoreline Certification Applications

Pursuant to §13-222-12, HAR the following shoreline certification applications are available for inspection at the DLNR District Land Offices on Kauai, Hawaii and Maui and at Room 220, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, Oahu (Tel: 587-0414). All comments shall be submitted in writing to the State Land Surveyor, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 210, Honolulu, HI 96813 and postmarked no later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the public notice of the application.

Case No.	Date Received	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
OA-453	02/12/97	Fronting Lot 46 of Ld Ct Cons 87 (Map 2) at Waialae-Nui and Waialae-Iki, Honolulu, Oahu (1025 Kamoku Place)	ParEn, Inc. dba Park Engineering for Kai moku, Inc.	3-5-55:8
OA-542	02/20/97	Lot H-1 of Ld Ct App 979. Kahaluu Fish Pond, at Kahaluu, Koolaupoko, Oahu (Kamehameha Hwy)	Engineers Surveyors Hawaii, Inc. for Linda Wong	4-7-11:1
MA-009	02/13/97	Por. of Grant 3343 to Claus Spreckels, Spreckelsville, Kahului, Maui, (602 Old Stable Road)	Warren S. Unemori Engineering, Inc. for Gregg Chilsom	3-8-02:50
HA-186	2/11/97	Por of RP 1930 to Asa Thurston on a Por of LCAw 387, Part 4, Sec 2, No 3 to Amercian Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions at Waiaha 1st, North Kona, Hawaii (75-5916 Alii Drive)	Wes Thomas Associates for Joe Pedefferri	7-5-18:76

## Shoreline Certifications and Rejections

Pursuant to §13-222-26, HAR the following shorelines have been certified or rejected by the DLNR. A person may appeal a certification or rejection to the BLNR, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, HI 96813, by requesting in writing a contested case hearing no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the date of public notice of certification or rejection.

Case No.	Date Cert/Rej	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
OA-067	Certified 02/27/97	Ld Ct App 1069, Erosion to Lot 1111 as shown on Map 122 & Redesignation of Said Lot 1111 Less Erosion into Lot A, Honouliuli, Ewa, Oahu (91-8 Hanua Street)	Walter P. Thompson for Estate of James Campbell	9-1-26:26
OA-467	Certified 02/27/97	Lot 4B of Ld Ct App 242, Puuloa, Ewa, Oahu (Fort Weaver Road & Aekai Place)	Wm Dean Alcon & Associates, Inc. for Ernest K. F. Lum	9-1-07:58
OA-545	Certified 02/27/97	Lot B, Por of Grant 4938 to B.R. Banning, Keaalau, Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Oahu (44-002 Nokokai Place)	ParEn, Inc. dba Park Engineering for Thomas H. Gentry Trust	4-4-37:21
OA-615	Certified 02/27/97	Situated Southwesterly of Makapuu Point, Being a Por of RP 4475, LCAw 7713 Ap 30 to V. Kamamalu, at Maunaloa, Honolulu, Oahu (Kalaniana'ole Highway)	Sam O. Hirota, Inc. for Trustees of the Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop	3-9-11:3 & Por 2
HA-182	Certified 02/27/97	Lots 14-A-1, 14-B-1 & 16-A-1, Being a Por. of R.P. 4497 & L.P. 8177, LCAw 8559, Ap 5 to C. Kanaina, Being also a Por of Kaphono Beach Lots Subdiv. Ext. 11, Alapai Point Sec. File Plan 579, Kapoho, Puna, Hawaii (Pahoa, Hawaii)	Imata & Associates for Virginia C. Hayes Trust	1-4-27:2, 24 & 25

# Pollution Control Permits

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## Department of Health Permits

The following is a list of some pollution control permits currently being reviewed by the State Department of Health. For more information about any of the listed permits, please contact the appropriate branch or office of the Environmental Management Division at 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu.

Branch & Permit Type	Applicant & Permit Number	Project Location	Pertinent Dates	Proposed Use
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Noncovered Source	HDC Precast Company, Permit # 0346-01-N	91-063 Malakole Street, Kapolei, Oahu	NA	Two Boilers and Concrete Batch Plant
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Noncovered Source	Novartis Seeds, Inc., Permit # 0009-02-N	Kaumualii Highway, Kekaha, Kauai	NA	Research Seed Processing Facility
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Noncovered Source	Mau i Blocks, Inc., Permit # 0372-01-N	Pulehunui Quarry, Maui	NA	27 TPH Concrete Block Plant and 50 TPH Stone Processing Plant
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, Underground Injection Control	Kauai Beach Resort Assoc.	Outrigger Sewage Treatment Plant, 4331 Kauai Beach Drive, Lihue, Kauai	N/A	Renewal of Permit for Sewage Disposal
SDWB, 586-4258, UIC	South Shore Comm. Services Inc.	Kukui Ula Wastewater Treatment Plant, Kauai	N/A	Renewal of Permit for Back-up Sewage Disposal
SDWB, 586-4258, UIC	Gasco Inc.	Gasco Inc. SNG Plant, 91-390 Kauh i St., Kapolei	NA	Modification of Permit for Industrial Disposal
SDWB, 586-4258, UIC	City and County of Honolulu	Paalaa Kai Wastewater Treatment Plant	NA	Renewal of Permit for Sewage Disposal
SDWB, 586-4258, UIC	State Department of Accounting and General Services	Haaheo Elementary School	Comments Due: 5/1/97	One New Drainage Drywell

# Environmental Council Notices

## Environmental Council Meeting Dates (Tentative)

Any person desiring to attend the meeting and requiring an accommodation (taped materials or sign language interpreter) may request assistance provided such a request is made five working days prior to the scheduled meeting. This request may be made by writing to Mr. Harlan Hashimoto, Chairperson, Environmental Council c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control, 235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or by Fax at (808) 586-4186.

**Environmental Council:** Wed., March 19, 1997 at 4:00 p.m.

**Exemption Committee:** Wed., March 19, 1997

**Cultural Impacts Committee:** Wed., March 19, 1997

**Annual Report Committee:** Wed., March 19, 1997

**Education Committee:** Wed., March 19, 1997

Please call on or after March 13, 1997 for the final agenda and confirmation of meeting date, time, and place.

# Federal Notices

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## Closure of Former Maui Wood Treating Haz Waste Storage Area, Pu'unene, Maui

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) are seeking public comments on a proposed plan to eliminate the potential for release of wood preserving chemicals into the environment by removal of an asphalt pad and associated soil of the former Maui Wood Treating Company Hazardous Waste Container Storage Facility (CSF), EPA Facility Identification Number HID059475210. The former CSF is currently listed by EPA as a hazardous waste interim status facility under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The facility was the location of a small wood treating plant in Pu'unene, Maui, operated by the former Koppers Company, Inc. (from 1970 to 1985). The plant was dismantled by KCI in 1985. All related equipment and wood preservative/treating solutions have been removed from the facility. No industrial activities have occurred at the facility since KCI closed the plant in 1985. The closure plan is available for public review at the EPA's Honolulu Office (phone 541-2710), the DOH's Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch (phone 586-4237) or the Kahului Library (phone 873-3097).

COMMENTS and/or a REQUEST TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING must be received by **THURS., MARCH 27, 1997**, by one of the following persons: Mr. Paul Kalaiwaa, Hawai'i Dept. of Health, Solid & Hazardous Waste Branch, 919 Ala Moana Blvd., Rm. 212, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814 or Mr. Vern Christianson, U.S. EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105.

**A PUBLIC HEARING WILL NOT BE HELD, UNLESS A REQUEST IS RECEIVED BY THE ABOVE DATE.**

## Reissuance of Nationwide Permits

On December 13, 1996, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published its reissued and revised Nationwide Permits (NWP) in the Federal Register. The reissued NWPs became effective on **FEBRUARY 11, 1997**. The existing 37 NWPs have been reissued, some with conditions and modifications. Two new NWPs have also been issued, #30, "Moist Soil Management for Wildlife" and #31 "Maintenance of Existing Flood Control Projects". NWPs have specific project limitations which ensure that impacts will be no more than minimal, thus protecting the aquatic environment. At the same time, if a permit applicant can design his project in a way that meets the criteria of the NWP, then the Corps will

provide a quick decision on the project. The Honolulu Corps District is working closely with the appropriate state agencies to obtain state 401 water quality certification and federal coastal zone consistency statements for all of the NWPs. In addition, the Honolulu District is working with other Federal and state agencies to develop regional conditions which will protect the functions and values of the aquatic systems that the district regulates (see, Public Notice 960000257, January 31, 1997, Honolulu District).

## Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Expansion of the U. S. Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the U.S. Postal Service announces its intent to prepare an environmental assessment for proposed expansion of the Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) located adjacent to Honolulu International Airport, Honolulu, Hawaii. The actions to be covered consist of constructing a 50,000 square foot annex in an existing parking lot. Manual operations would be relocated to the annex, facilitating installation of upgraded automated mail handling equipment in the main building. Possible alternatives include (1) relocate automated mail handling offsite, (2) construct a warehouse for storage, freeing up some floor space, (3) relocate parcel handling services offsite, and (4) no action (continue existing conditions). A Notice of Availability will be published to inform interested agencies, individuals, and organizations of means to obtain copies of the Final EA. For further information, contact Mr. Kayode Kadara, Facilities Environmental Specialist, 850 Cherry Avenue, San Bruno, California 94099-0310, telephone (415) 794-6156; fax (415) 794-0821.

## Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Fishery Mau Zone Moratorium

The National Marine Fisheries Service is issuing a final rule, effective **MARCH 27, 1997**, to impose a 2-year moratorium on issuing new permits for harvesting bottomfish in the Mau Zone of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands so that effort in the fishery will be stabilized while the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council develops a limited access program for the area. For more information, please call Mr. Alvin Katekaru, National Marine Fisheries Service at 973-2985 or Ms. Kitty Simonds, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council at 522-8220 (see, 62 F.R. 8637, February 26, 1997 for more information).

## Suitable Federal Property to Assist the Homeless

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has identified various buildings/locations in Aliamanu Military Reservation, Wheeler Army Airfield, Tripler Army Medical Center, Schofield Barracks, Fort Shafter, Lualualei Naval Station Eastern Pacific, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, and Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Wahiawa, as suitable to assist the homeless (see, 62 F.R. 6977, February 14, 1997, for more information).

## Permit Modification for Johnston Atoll Haz Waste Storage Facility/Incinerator

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made a decision to approve the U. S. Army's request to modify the existing Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit for the Johnston Atoll Chemical Agent Disposal System (JACADS). The Army operates the facility on Johnston Atoll, a part of the U. S. Trust Territories, located about 800 miles southwest of Hawai'i, to destroy chemical agents and munitions by incineration and to store chemical munitions and hazardous waste. The class 2 modification will allow the Army to temporarily stage hazardous waste a specific locations at Hama Point and adjacent to the Main Wharf immediately prior to shipment off-site for disposal. Appeals to this decision may be made under procedures outlined in 40 CFR 270.42(f) and 40 CFR 124.19.

**APPEALS MUST BE FILED BY MARCH 20, 1997,** and should be addressed to: Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Appeals Board (A-101), 401 M Street, S.W., Room 1145 (West Tower), Washington, DC 20460. Documents relating to the above permit can be found at the EPA's Honolulu Office (Room 1302, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard), the University of Hawai'i Hamilton Library, the Kahului Library, the Hilo Library and the Kapa'a Public Library. For more information, please call Vicky Semones toll-free at (800) 231-8075.

## EPA Speaks - Makai Boulevard

With respect to the DEIS for the Nimitz Highway Improvements, Updated Information, Construction from Ke'ehi Interchange to Pier 16 (Awa Street), the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency asked the Federal Highway

Administration to provide more information regarding the sole source aquifer, erosion and stormwater impacts to water quality, and the alternative analysis (see, 62 F.R. 9187, February 28, 1997).

## Closure of Omega Station, Ha'iku, O'ahu. "Stairway to Heaven" may be demolished.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Coast Guard will be preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for the closure of its Omega Station in Ha'iku Valley, Kane'ohe, Hawaii. The station will be closed on **SEPTEMBER 30, 1997**. Those portions of the station owned by the federal government will be transferred to the federal General Services Administration for disposal. The EA will examine the potential impacts from those actions involved in closing the station as a Coast Guard installation. The most significant actions include hardening or demolishing buildings; repairing or removing the Haiku Stairs ("Stairway to Heaven"); lowering the six antenna spans strung above the valley; and cleaning up several debris areas remaining from the Navy occupation (1940s - 1970s).

The action of most public interest probably concerns the Stairs. The Coast Guard closed them to the public in 1987, due to their unsafe condition. The Coast Guard is considering repairing them prior to its departure, if a government agency or nonprofit organization agrees to assume responsibility and liability for future maintenance. However, the lower half of the stairs lies on City/County of Honolulu (CCH) property, so they must concur with this decision. The CCH Board of Water Supply has indicated to the Coast Guard that the Stairs will have to be removed if a responsible party cannot be found.

**PLEASE SUBMIT COMMENTS BY APRIL 8, 1997** to: Commander, U. S. Coast Guard, Civil Engineering Unit, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 8122, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96850, Attention: Jay Silberman.

