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Sewer Work Near Historic Burial Sites

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Wastewater Management is proposing sewer replacement, relief sewer installation, and sewer rehabilitation activities in the Chinatown Historic District, the Hawai'i Capitol Special District, and the Kaka'ako Community Development District.

The various parts of the project will occur on the periphery of the Chinatown Historic District, close to the Queen Street Burial Sites near Kawaiha'ō Cemetery, near the Honuakaha Small Pox Cemetery Burial Site under South Street and Quinn

Lane, and close to the historic Ala Moana Wastewater Pumping Station (listed on both the State and National Register of Historic Places) on Keawe Street.

Potential impacts include noise, traffic, and disturbance of archaeological/historic sites, construction dewatering, and encountering potential subsurface contamination. The dewatering permit baseline sampling will include testing for total petroleum hydrocarbons and benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene to identify areas where contamination may be expected. See anticipated FONSI on page 3.

Mamalahoa Bypass Road

The Hawai'i Department of Public Works will require an EIS for a five mile road linking Ali'i Highway near Keauhou to Napo'opo'ō Road in Captain Cook. The bypass road will consist of two lanes with sufficient rights-of-way for four lanes.

The 1996 traffic levels on Mamalahoa Highway averaged over 16,900 vehicles per day (VPD). This is expected to increase to 25,000 VPD by 2010 if no alternative improvements are provided.

In addition to existing developments, there are several large projects planned in the region that include housing. These include: Keauhou Resort Lands (3,097 single and multi-family units); Villages of Hokukano (730 agricultural lots, an 80-unit members lodge, and a 27-hole golf course); Kealakekua Development Corporation Project (500 agricultural lots).

The northern portion of the roadway would come within 300 feet of Kuamo'ō Burials. The southern part of the alignment crosses the mauka corner of the Kealakekua Bay Historic District. Both sites are listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. For more information, please see page 11.

Kauai Missile Launch Meetings

The U.S. Department of Navy is conducting scoping meetings to solicit input on its proposal to test and evaluate a new missile system at the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai. Comments received during the scoping meetings will be used to assist the Navy in identifying potential environmental and social impacts for further evaluation and discussion in the forthcoming environmental impact statement.

Four meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

- 1) Tuesday, June 17 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Waimea Neighborhood Center, Waimea, Kauai;
- 2) Thursday, June 19 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Kilauea Neighborhood Center, Kilauea, Kauai;
- 3) Saturday, June 21, 1997 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Wilcox Elementary School Cafeteria, Lihue, Kauai; and
- 4) Monday, June 23 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at U.S. Army Reserve Center, Assembly Hall, Room 101, Fort Shafter Flats, Fort Shafter, Oahu.

For more information, please see pages 13 and 16.

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(1) Nimitz Highway Reconstructed Sewer

District: Honolulu
TMK: 1-7-02:03; 2-1-02:13-16, 25,
27, 29-32
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Wastewater Manage-
ment
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Glen Okita (527-5829)

**Approving Agency/Accepting
Authority:** City and County of Honolulu
Department of Wastewater Management
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Glen Okita (527-5829)

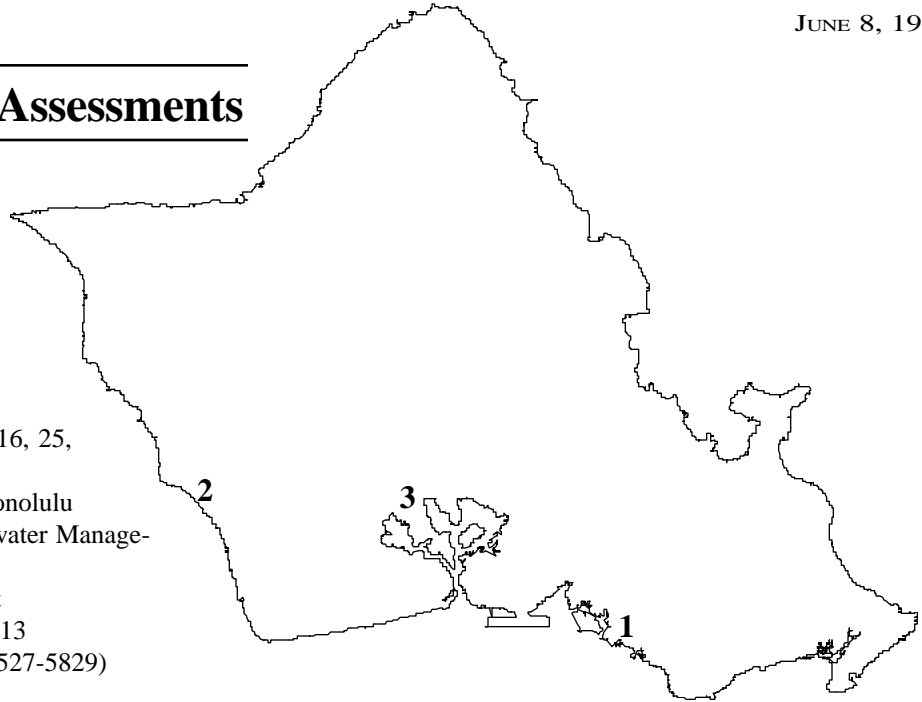
Consultant: M & E Pacific, Inc.
1001 Bishop Street, Suite 500
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Andy Huang (529-7228)

Public Comment

Deadline: July 8, 1997
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with
copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The proposed project consists of: 1) replacement of the existing sewers from Hotel Street to Fort Street via River Street and Nimitz Highway with a 36" trunk sewer; 2) installation of a 36" relief sewer from Fort Street to the Ala Moana Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) via Queen Street, South Street and Ala Moana Boulevard; and 3) rehabilitation of the existing sewer along Nimitz Highway, Ala Moana Boulevard from Fort Street to Ala Moana WWPS. These actions are necessary to improve the current conditions of the collection system and meet future flow requirements in the project area.

Approximately 2,000 feet of sewer replacement will take place along the perimeters of the Chinatown Historic District generally bounded by Nuuanu Avenue, River Street, Nimitz Highway, and Beretania Street.



The new relief sewer will connect to a 78-inch line near the Ala Moana WWPS on Keawe Street. A jacking pit of approximately 20 feet in diameter and 15 in depth will be positioned approximately 15 feet away from the original pump station (built in 1900) located mauka of the present Ala Moana WWPS. This old wastewater pumping station is on the Hawaii and National Register of Historic Places (site no. 80-14-9710) and is considered to have "high" preservation potential and historic significance.

There are several known archaeological sites within the project limits. A Programmatic Agreement, including a background study, burial treatment plan, and archaeological documentation plan, will be developed to handle the impacts of the project. Burial sites have been previously encountered near the Kawaiahao Cemetery on Queen Street and the old Honuakaha Small Pox Cemetery in the vicinity of South Street and Quinn Lane. Archaeological supervision will be required for work in these areas.

The selected construction method for the sewer replacement and the relief sewer installation is microtunneling. Microtunneling utilizes hydraulic jacks to push pipes through the ground behind a remotely operated tunnel boring machine. The maximum drive lengths are between 300 to 600 feet, depending upon the ground type and pipe size. Man entry into the pipeline is not required. This method creates less traffic disruption and requires less ground excavation and soil clean-up than the traditional open-trench method.

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Rehabilitation may be accomplished by several methods, including sliplining and coating. The construction is expected to begin in 1998 for a duration of approximately two years.

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



(2) BHP Gas Express Lualualei Station No. 46 (Special Management Area)

District: Waianae
TMK: 8-7-08: por. 12
Applicant: BHP Petroleum Americas (Hawaii), Inc.
P.O. Box 3379
Honolulu, Hawaii 96842
Contact: Edwin Maeda (547-3152)

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)

Consultant: AM Partners, Inc.
1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Taeyong Kim (526-2828)

Public Challenge

Deadline: July 8, 1997
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The project site is located in Nanakuli, Lualualei on Oahu's west coast, approximately 26 miles outside of downtown Honolulu. Located within the Special Management Area (SMA) as defined by Chapter 25, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the project site fronts Farrington Highway and is opposite of Nanakuli Beach Park.

The applicant, BHP Petroleum Americas (Hawaii), Inc., plans to demolish the existing gas filling station fronting the Pacific Shopping Mall. In its place, the applicant plans to construct a new filling station/convenience store with an automated car wash. This replacement facility would be approximately 2,051 square feet in size and of metal con-

struction. The car wash structure would be of similar construction and cover approximately 1,177 square feet. The car wash would utilize a reclaimed wash water system that would centrifuge-out solids and use clean potable water for rinsing. The existing underground storage tanks (UST) will be removed and replaced with new tanks in conformance with Federal Standards (Title 40 Part 280, Code of Federal Regulations).

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



(3) Waipahu Main Post Office Retail Addition (Findings of No Significant Impacts)

District: Ewa
TMK: 9-4-47:31
Applicant: U.S. Postal Service
395 Oyster Point Boulevard
South San Francisco, CA 94099-0300
Contact: Kayode Kadara (415-794-6156)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: U.S. Postal Service
395 Oyster Point Boulevard
South San Francisco, CA 94099-0300
Contact: Kayode Kadara (415-794-6156)

Consultant: Belt Collins Hawaii
680 Ala Moana Boulevard, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Jane Dewell (521-5361)

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the U.S. Postal Service gives notice that a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been prepared and that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for the addition of retail services to the proposed Waipahu Main Post Office, Waipahu, Hawaii. An initial EA, prepared in 1991, designated this site as the Waipahu Carrier Annex.

The proposed action is addition of postal/retail services to the proposed Waipahu Main Post Office, currently under construction, and closure of existing Waipahu Main Post Office.

Alternatives to the proposed action include (1) no action (postal/retail services maintained at existing Post Office with no addition at proposed Main Office), and addition of postal/retail services to the proposed Main Office with the following variations at the existing Post Office: (2) services maintained, (3) services reduced, and (4) services moved to another location nearby.

No significant impacts are anticipated from the proposed action that cannot be mitigated. Impacts from increased traffic due to retail customers at proposed Main Office fell below the level that would require mitigation. Impacts to businesses and residents near existing Post Office will be mitigated by the close vicinity and easy access to proposed Main Office. No impacts to air quality or community services were identified.

Positive long-term impacts of the proposed action include increased and improved postal services for the Waipahu area. These include close vicinity to higher density residences, businesses, and two bus routes; and improved parking for customers.

Based on the information gathered during preparation of the SEA, the U.S. Postal Service finds that addition of postal/retail services at the proposed Waipahu Main Post Office will not significantly impact the environment.

Copies of the Final SEA may be obtained by contacting Mr. Kayode Kadara, Facilities Environmental Specialist, 395 Oyster Point Boulevard, South San Francisco, California 94099-0300; telephone (415) 794-6156; fax (415) 794-0821.

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🗺️ Malaekahana Stream Bridge Replacement Project

Applicant: Department of Transportation
Highways Division
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Jeffrey Fujimoto (587-2249)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

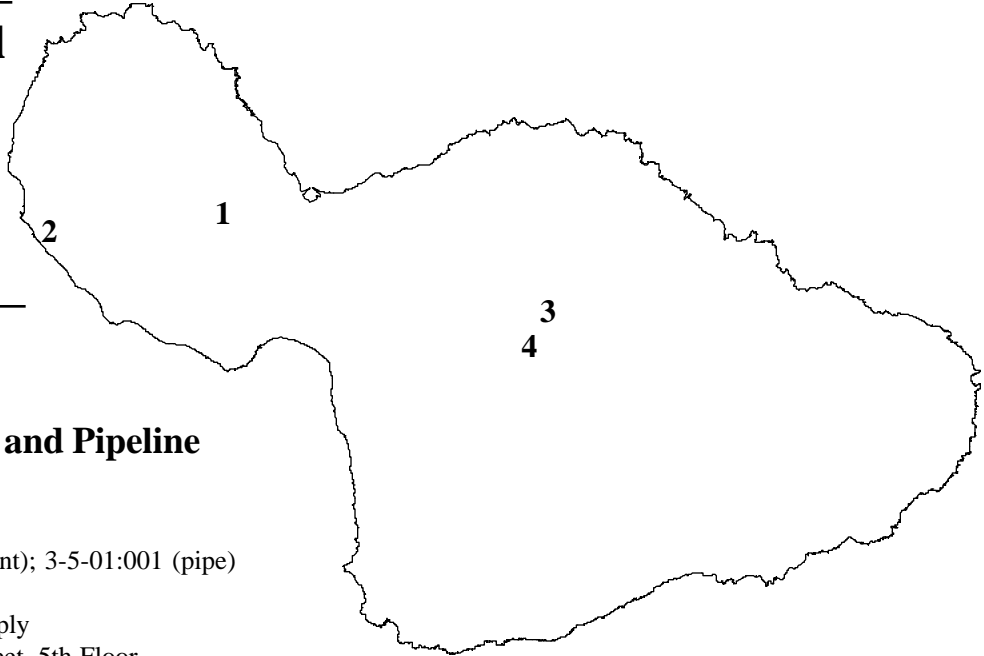
Deadline: June 23, 1997



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(1) Iao Treatment Facility and Pipeline

District:Wailuku

TMK: 3-5-01:021 (treatment); 3-5-01:001 (pipe)

Applicant: County of Maui
Board of Water Supply
200 South High Street, 5th Floor
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Ellen Kraftsow (243-7199)

Accepting

Authority: County of Maui
Board of Water Supply
200 South High Street, 5th Floor
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Ellen Kraftsow (243-7199)

Public Challenge

Deadline: July 8, 1997

Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The purpose of the proposed project is to mitigate groundwater withdrawals from the Iao aquifer. Ground water withdrawals currently exceed CWRM-designated sustainable yields.

The project involves temporary use and treatment of water from the agricultural Iao Ditch. The Board has an agreement with Wailuku Agribusiness to withdraw water from the ditch for a period of three years. After this time, it is anticipated that well sources in North Waihee will be on-line. The membrane filtration units will be utilized elsewhere on Maui.

Water will be withdrawn from the Ditch at a site near West Alu Road, just after the ditch exits a tunnel from Iao Stream through the mountain. The proposed withdrawal site is upstream of any irrigated fields. The Board will construct a 2 MGD treatment facility utilizing membrane microfiltration. Two membrane filter units will be placed on a concrete pad at the Iao Tank site. The project will also involve the installation

of 2,500' of 12" and 6" line to feed water from the ditch to the treatment facility.

The Board has found that this project will not have significant adverse environmental effect and has issued a Finding of No Significant Impacts.

Comments or questions can be addressed to:
Maui County Board of Water Supply
200 South High Street, 5th Floor
Wailuku, HI 96793



(2) 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 Challenge

Deadline: July 8, 1997
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

Mrs. and Mrs. David Ihle is requesting a Shoreline Setback Variance in order to include a wading pool, tile pavers, an "after-the-fact" 18-inch height extension on an existing 8 1/2-foot retaining wall, a 3 1/2-foot high by 5 1/2-foot long wall extension in the side yard, 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 tile pavers will be placed 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.



(3) Olinda Water Treatment Facility

District: Makawao
TMK: 2-3-06:06
Applicant: County of Maui
Board of Water Supply
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: David Craddick (243-7835)

Accepting Authority: County of Maui
Board of Water Supply
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: David Craddick (243-7835)

Consultant: M & E Pacific, Inc.
1001 Bishop Street
Suite 500, Pauahi Tower
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: James Okazaki (521-3051)

Public Challenge

Deadline: July 8, 1997
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The proposed project involves upgrades to the Olinda Water Treatment Facility. This work includes the replacement of the existing valveless filters with a microfiltration system and filtration building, new percolation pond and a decant recycle pump station. The existing cesspool will be demolished and a septic tank and leach field will be provided for sanitary waste disposal. A new emergency generator will be provided to enable operation of essential components of the facility during power outages. The preliminary construction estimated cost of the project is \$3,500,000.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



(4) Upcountry Maui Watershed Record of Decision

Kenneth M. Kaneshiro, Responsible Federal Official for projects administered under the provisions of Public Law 83-566 in the State of Hawaii, is hereby providing notification that a record of decision to proceed with the installation of the Upcountry Maui Watershed project, signed May 20, 1997, is available.

The record of decision documents the intent to implement Alternative 2- Agricultural Water Distribution System as set forth in the final Watershed Plan-Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Upcountry Maui Watershed, Maui County, Hawaii. The project will address the problems of inadequate and inconsistent irrigation water supply that

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prevent area farmers from full utilization of cropland and cause crop damage and losses during drought. The project will install a separate agricultural water system to supply untreated water for irrigation purposes to farmers in the Upper Kula area. The economic benefits derived by project implementation will exceed economic costs. The project meets the needs of the sponsoring local organizations.

The record of decision documents that the Upcountry Maui Watershed project uses all practicable means, consistent with other essential considerations of national policy, to meet the goals established in the National Environmental Policy Act. The FEIS has been prepared, reviewed, and accepted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Single copies of this record of decision may be obtained from Kenneth M. Kaneshiro, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 4316, P.O. Box 50004, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850.

For further information, contact Michael Kolman, Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 4316, P.O. Box 50004, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850, telephone (808) 541-2602.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

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☛ Kulamalu Project

Applicant: Kulamalu Limited Partnership
1997 E. Main Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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

Public Comment Deadline: June 23, 1997



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(1) Hilo Scattered Lots Residential Development

District: Hilo
TMK: 2-1-17:46-48; 2-1-18:8; 2-1-19:20, 29-31; 2-3-25:14-17, 47; 2-4-28:1; 2-4-49:19; 2-5-4:27, 43, 47, 60-61; 2-5-5:1, 3, 5-7, 10, 28-33, 72, 74, 77, 79-80

Applicant: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: William Makanui (586-3819)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: William Makanui (586-3819)

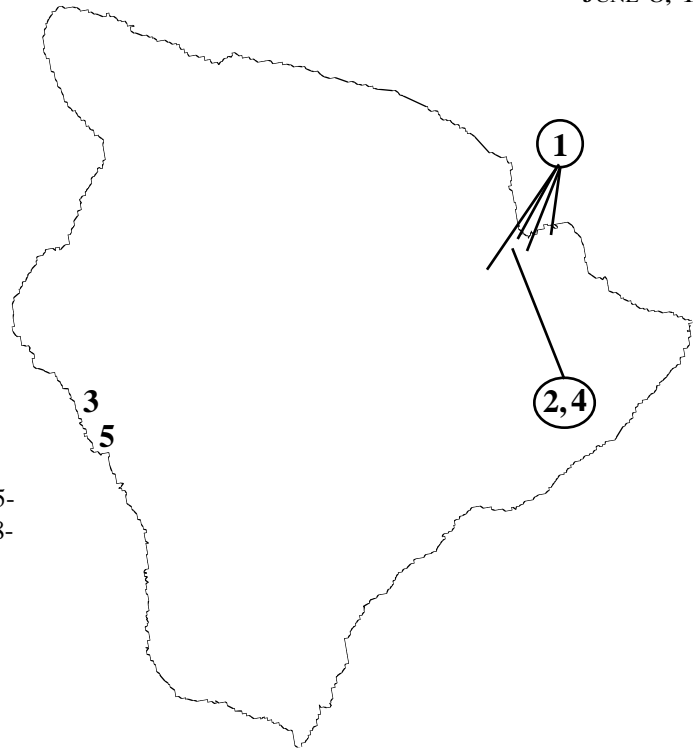
Consultant: R.M. Towill Corporation
420 Waiakamilo Road, #411
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Colette Sakoda (842-1133)

Public Comment

Deadline: July 8, 1997
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) proposes to develop residential lots in several locations throughout Hilo, Hawaii. The project consists of several small scale residential lots development scattered within the district of South Hilo. The subject parcels are clustered in four general areas; Keaukaha (Site A), Central Hilo (Site B & C), Panaewa (Site D), and Kaumana (Site E). State funds will be used for development.

The project also involves construction and improvement of existing infrastructure to accommodate the proposed residential developments. Upon completion of the required infrastructure, homestead lots will be distributed to qualified beneficiaries of native Hawaiian ancestry.



The purpose of this project is to offer opportunities to native Hawaiian beneficiaries to develop lands for homestead. It is consistent with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, as amended, which provides for the development and settlement of native Hawaiians on lands owned by the state. This proposal represents DHHL's ongoing efforts to expedite the development and distribution of state land to qualified Hawaiian beneficiaries.

DHHL will improve existing facilities and provide infrastructure necessary to support the proposed development. The development of basic support infrastructure such as drainage, sewer, and utilities, will be integrated with the existing systems.

Environmental impacts resulting from the project are expected to be minimal as the lots are occurring as infill to existing residential areas. Mitigation measures, where necessary and appropriate, are included in the analysis and recommendations.

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(2) Lanikaula/Manono Intersection Traffic Signal Improvements

District: Hilo
TMK: 2-2-27 & 36
Applicant: County of Hawaii
Department of Public Works
25 Aupuni Street, Room 202
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Galen Kuba (961-8321)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: County of Hawaii
Department of Public Works
25 Aupuni Street, Room 202
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Galen Kuba (961-8321)

Consultant: Environmental Communications
P.O. Box 536
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809
Contact: Fred Rodriguez (528-4661)

Public Comment

Deadline: July 8, 1997
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The proposed project consists of a new traffic signalization plan for the subject intersection. The plan will consist of providing and installing all traffic control devices in conformance with the "Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways."

The installation of the traffic system is in an existing urban-residential district and the right-of-way may result in some taking of private lands. The engineering design for the traffic signalization is under way and will be finalized by the Engineering Division, Department of Public Works, County of Hawaii.

This assessment will focus on the proposed design and will provide opportunity for both public agencies and private citizenry to comment on the proposed action. The project's effect and anticipated environmental impacts with proposed mitigation measures will be discussed in the Final EA.

At the present time, there is a signal system installed earlier at the intersection of Kekuaanaoa and Manono Streets that is complementary to this proposed action. This study

addresses the new traffic signal system and the potential environmental impacts associated with the system.



(3) Magic Sands Beach Park Expansion

District: North Kona
TMK: 7-7-08:106; 7-7-08:portion of Old Government Kailua-Keauhou Beach Road; 7-7-10:36

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

Approving Agency/Accepting

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

Consultant: Roy R. Takemoto Land Use Consultant
P.O. Box 10217
Hilo, Hawaii 96721
Contact: Roy Takemoto (959-0189)

Public Comment

Deadline: July 8, 1997
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

The County of Hawaii Department of Parks and Recreation proposes to expand the popular Magic Sands Beach Park through the transfer of State lands to the County for park purposes and the construction of a 25-stall parking lot on recently acquired County land. The State lands portion, consisting of approximately 0.78 acres, is part of the existing beach park. Transfer of this land to the County would clarify jurisdictional responsibilities and ensure continued use of this area for public recreation. The site for the new parking lot, consisting of approximately 1.485-acre, is adjacent to the existing beach park. This site is currently vacant. To avoid or mitigate potential impacts, the County will cooperate with the community to restore historic sites, locate the parking lot outside of the coastal high hazard area, and schedule construction to the extent possible during the off-peak season for the Hawaiian Hoary Bat which has been sighted in the vicinity. The project conforms with the County General Plan and zoning.

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(4) Hoolulu Park Addition

District: South Hilo
TMK: 2-2-32:82
Applicant: County of Hawaii
Department of Parks and Recreation
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Glenn Miyao (961-8311)

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

Consultant: Roy R. Takemoto Land Use Consultant
P.O. Box 10217
Hilo, Hawaii 96721
Contact: Roy Takemoto (959-0189)

Public Challenge
Deadline: July 8, 1997
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The County of Hawaii Department of Parks and Recreation proposes the setaside by Executive Order of 2.532 acres of State land to the County of Hawaii for an addition to the Hoolulu Park Complex. The site adjoins the existing Hoolulu Park Complex, a regional recreational facility located in the Waiakea Houselots area of Hilo. The additional area would be used for a multi-purpose field (e.g., soccer, football) primarily by age-group and high school organizations. The supporting facilities include bleachers, lights, restrooms, parking lot, bicycle stands, and improved access road. Since the State had formerly leased the site to a contractor for use as construction equipment and material storage, the site has been completely cleared and disturbed. The site is presently vacant and overgrown with weeds. There are no endangered species or archaeological sites. The Corps of Engineers determined that an area of poor drainage was not a wetland. The site is not located in a flood hazard area nor in the Special Management Area. The site is surrounded by indus-

trial or other park uses that are not sensitive to noise from the outdoor recreational activities.

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(5) Mamalahoa Highway Bypass Road

District: North and South Kona
TMK: 8-1-9:03, 08, 09, 33, 34; 8-1-7:01, 45, 54, 55; 8-1-4:01, 03, 54; 7-9-12:05, 06, 09; 7-9-6:03, 04, 05, 07, 19, 25; 7-9-5:01, 05, 06, 09, 14; and 7-8-10:30

Applicant: 1250 Oceanside Partners dba Oceanside
1250
74-5620A Palani Road, Suite 200
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740
Contact: Robert Stuit (326-2966)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: County of Hawaii, Department of Public Works
25 Aupuni Street, Suite 200
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Donna Fay Kiyosaki (961-8321)

Consultant: PBR Hawaii
101 Aupuni Street, Suite 310
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: James Leonard (961-3333)

Public Comment

Deadline: July 8, 1997
Status: EISPN First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

The proposed Mamalahoa Highway Bypass Road extends approximately five miles and connects Ali'i Highway near its terminus in Keauhou (in the North Kona district) to Mamalahoa Highway at its junction with Napo'opo'o Road in Captain Cook (in the South Kona district). The proposed roadway, which will consist of two-lanes with sufficient rights-of-way for four lanes, will be designed and constructed in accordance with the standards set forth by the County Department of Public Works.

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Much of the area crossed by the highway corridor has historically been used for ranching and an initial reconnaissance of the proposed roadway corridor indicated few archaeological features. However, a full archaeological inventory survey is being conducted for the entire roadway corridor to identify the presence of any archaeological resources in the area. Additionally, a cultural impact assessment of the project area is also prepared to assess the potential impacts to culturally significant sites and traditional cultural properties.

The most northern portion of the roadway alignment at its nearest point lies approximately 300 feet beyond the eastern (mauka) boundary of Kuamo'o Burials, a listed site on the Hawaii and National Registers of Historic Places. The Kuamo'o Burials are also referred to as Lekeleke Burial Grounds. Additionally, at the southern extremity of the corridor, near the planned intersection with Mamalahoa Highway, the alignment crosses the mauka corner of the Kealakekua Bay Historic District, which is also listed on the Hawaii and National Registers of Historic Places. For the portion of the corridor that crosses the Oceanside 1250 property, the alignment has been sited to avoid impacting any significant archaeological sites that were identified through the archaeological inventory survey report for this property.

The roadway is being proposed by Oceanside 1250 to meet the conditions of zoning approval for the Villages at Hokukano project. The bypass road is intended to mitigate project generated traffic and to help relieve the existing traffic congestion along Mamalahoa Highway between the towns of Honalo and Captain Cook.

With completion of the proposed roadway, an improved alternate access will potentially be available to adjacent properties. In the short-term this improved access could provide an incentive for additional subdivision in the area, with densities equal or less than that allowed under the current agricultural zoning, that is, a minimum of five acres per building site. In the long-term the settlement pattern may be altered, especially if the properties with improved access are rezoned to allow for higher agricultural densities. Additional urban development in the area would require changes to the County's long range plans for the region, reflected within the County General Plan, Urban District approval through the State Land Use Commission, and subsequent zoning approval from the County Council and Mayor. The nature and scale of these secondary impacts will be investigated as part of the Draft EIS.

Previously Published Projects

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

► University of Hawaii at Hilo, University Park

Applicant: Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 427
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Gina Ichiyama (586-0474)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Public Comment

Deadline: July 7, 1997

Final EIS Pending Acceptance

► Hilo Judiciary Complex

Applicant: DAGS
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Ralph Yukumoto (586-0488)

Approving Agency/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 the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Final EIS Acceptance Notices

► Keaau High School

Applicant: DAGS
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Brian Isa (586-0484)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii
Status: FEIS accepted by the Governor, State of Hawaii on May 27, 1997.

Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Kalaheo Self-Help Project

District: Koloa
TMK: 2-3-14:001
Applicant: Self-Help Housing Corp. of Hawaii
1427 Dillingham Blvd., Suite 305
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Contact: Claudia Shay (842-7111)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: County of Kauai Housing Agency
4493 Hardy Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Contact: Gary Mackler (241-6865)

Consultant: Applied Planning Services
3116 Hoolako Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766

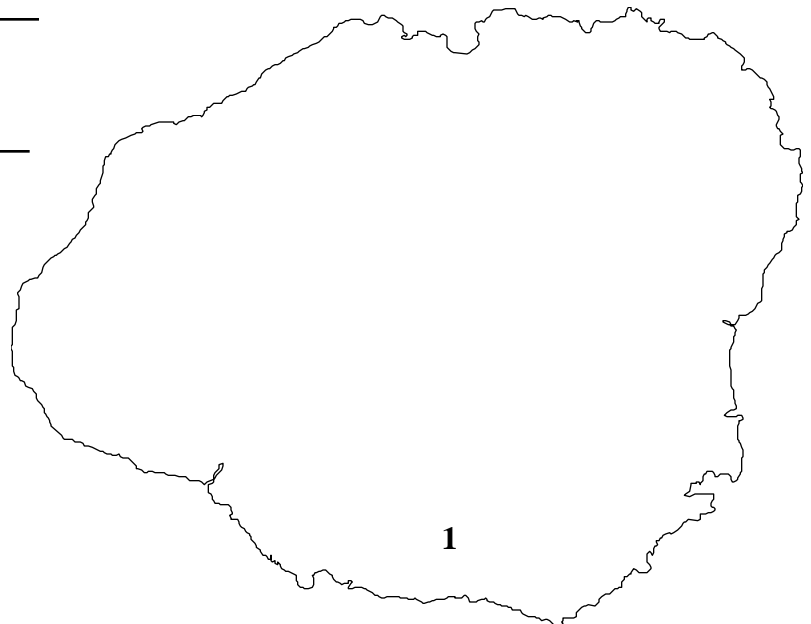
Public Comment

Deadline: July 8, 1997
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

The Kalaheo Self-Help project is a community housing partnership designed to assist families with affordable home ownership needs. The Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii plans to purchase 19 subdivided lots on a 5-acre parcel and to develop a self-help home on each lot. The project site is located at 2330 Puu Road in Kalaheo, Kauai.

A total of 19 self-help homes, both 3-bedroom and 4-bedroom units ranging from 1,104 to 1,248 sq. ft., will be constructed under this project. Participating families must be income qualified and have annual incomes that are 60% to 80% of the Kauai County median income. Once selected, and with technical assistance of the Self-Help Housing Corporation, families provide the physical labor to build portions of their homes.

The County of Kauai is providing \$750,000 in FY 1997 HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds and \$50,000 in FY 1997 Community Development Block Grant funds, both as short-term zero interest loans, to assist with develop-



ment of this project. In addition, the Self-Help Housing Corporation has been awarded by HUD's Housing Assistance Council \$190,000 in SHOP funds, and \$110,000 in funds from the Council's Intermediary Relending Program.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notices

● Pacific Missile Range Facility

Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Gary Martin (587-0421)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702
Honolulu Hawaii 96813

Public Comment Deadline: June 23, 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-630	05/20/97	Lot 1061 of Ld Ct App 242, Puuloa, Ewa, Oahu (84-245 Farrington Highway)	James Thompson for Bernard and Sita Greeson	9-1-27:13
OA-631	05/14/97	Parcel A Bay View Golf Park, Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Oahu (45-285 Kaneohe Bay Drive)	ParEn, Inc. for Pacific Atlas (Hawaii), Inc.	4-5-30:01
OA-632	05/12/97	Lot 22, Ld Ct App 124, Koolaupoko, Oahu (53-845 Kamehameha Highway)	DJNS Surveying & Mapping, Inc. for Oswald Stender	5-3-13:28
OA-633	05/13/97	Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium, Kaneloa, Waikiki, Oahu	Jonathan Shimada for Department of Public Works, City & County of Honolulu	3-1-31:03 & 09
HA-190	05/14/97	Lot 76 of Puako Beach Lots as shown on H.T.S. Plat 414-B being the whole of Grant S-13752, Lalamilo, South Kohala, Hawaii	Wes Thomas Associates for D. Robert & Sheryl Kennedy	6-9-03:15
MA-179	05/14/97	Lots 48 & 49, Waiohuli-Keokea Beach Lots, 2nd Series, Waiohuli & Keokea, Kihei, Wailuku, Maui (1736 Halama Street)	A & B Properties, Inc. for Vivienne Romanchak Trust	3-9-11:01
KA-123	05/19/97	Portions of R.P. 4512, Mahele Award 43 to J.Y. Kanehoa, Koloa, Kauai (National Tropical Botanical Gardens, P.O. Box 340, Lawai, Hawaii 96765)	Peter N. Taylor Incorporated for Alerton Gardens Trust	2-6-02:01

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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-103	05/29/97 Certified	Lot 927 of Ld Ct App 1052, Makaha, Waianae, Oahu (84-245 Farrington Highway)	Wesley Tengan for Richard Cayer	8-4-01:15
OA-291	05/29/97 Certified	Lots 6 & 134 of Ld Ct Cons 23, Kaipapau, Koolauloa, Oahu (54-327, 54-333, 54-337 Kamehameha Highway)	Towill, Shigeoka & Associates, Inc. For Hauula Beach Villas, LP	5-4-03:03 & 54
HA-120	05/29/97 Certified	Lot C-1, F.P. 1822 and Lot 243, LCAw 1120, Honoipu, Puakea, N. Kohala, Hawaii (Puakea Bay Ranch Subdivision)	Towill, Shigeoka & Associates, Inc. for George & Shirley Isaacs & Puakea Bay Ranch Owners Assoc.	5-6-02:41 & 42
HA-189	05/29/97 Certified	Por of Grant 1027 to Kawaa & RP 7716, LCAw 7753 to Kahikona at Puueopaku 1st & 2nd, S. Hilo, Hawaii (Mamalaho Highway)	R.M. Towill Corp for Mauna Kea Agribusiness	2-7-03:01
MO-049	05/29/97 Certified	Honouliwai Fishtrap, Kumimi, Honouliwai, Molokai, Hawaii (Halawa, Molokai)	State of Hawaii for SOH/Dept of Land and Natural Resources	5-8-02:68

Pollution Control Permits

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 Water Branch (586-4309), Water Quality Certification	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Permit # WQC 339	Kahawai nui Stream Flood Control Project, Laie, Oahu	Comment Deadline: June 13, 1997	Repairs and modifications to the Kahawai nui Stream bank
Clean Water Branch (586-4309), Water Pollution Control Permit-NPDES	Mau i Ocean Center, Inc., Permit # HI 0021504	Maalaea Harbor, Maalaea, Mau i	Comment Deadline: June 13, 1997	Discharge marine aquarium flow through ocean water and treated filter backwash process effluent to Maalaea Harbor

Environmental Council Notices

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Environmental Council Meeting

The Environmental Council is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 18, 1997 at 4:00 p.m.

The Council's Exemption Committee, Cultural Impacts Committee, Annual Report Committee, and Communication, Education & Legislation Committee are likely to meet the same day prior to the full Council meeting. Please call on or after June 12, 1997 for the final agenda and confirmation of meetings date, time, and place.

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 (5) 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.

Federal Notices

Fisheries and Marine Mammals

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is proposing changes to the List of Fisheries (LOF) required by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). The proposed LOF reflects new information on interactions between Hawaiian commercial fisheries and marine mammals (e.g., Hawaiian bottlenose dolphins, Hawaiian spinner dolphins, Hawaiian monk seals, Risso's dolphins, Humpback whales, Rough-toothed dolphins, etc.) Under the MMPA, a commercial fishery is to be placed on the LOF in one of three categories based upon the level of serious injuries and mortalities that occur to marine mammals incidental to that fishery.

The LOF informs the public of the level of interactions with marine mammals in various U.S. commercial fisheries and which fisheries are subject to certain provisions of the MMPA such as the requirement to register for Authorization Certificates. **COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSED RULE MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 25, 1997.** Send comments to Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (see, 62 F.R. 28657, May 27, 1997, for details).

Closure of Hawai'i Animal Import Center

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will close the Hawai'i Animal Import Center in Honolulu, which serves as a quarantine station for domestic livestock, poultry, and other exotic animals and birds on **JUNE 30, 1997**. For more information, call Dr. Robert DeCarolis, Area Veterinarian in Charge at 861-8560 (see, 62 F.R. 28002, May 22, 1997).

Public Scoping Meetings for the Pacific Missile Range Facility EIS

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as implemented in the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the enhancement of the capability of the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Kaua'i, Hawai'i to conduct missile defense testing and training activities. Agencies invited to cooperate in the preparation of this EIS include the Department of the Army, Department of the Air Force, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Coast Guard, Department of the Interior, Department of Energy, Federal Aviation Administration, and the State of Hawai'i.

The 42,000-square-mile range, located on the west and north side of Kaua'i and in the adjacent ocean area, is currently operated as a missile test and training facility by the Navy. Congress has directed the Navy to develop a Theater Ballistic Missile Defense Program (TBMD). Implementing the program at PMRF is in accordance with the Senate Report 103-321 on the 1995 Defense Appropriations Bill, which designated PMRF as "the primary test range for the completion of Navy (TBMD) flight tests."

The proposed action is to enhance the capability of PMRF to allow testing and training for the Navy's TBMD program and for the overall DoD Theater Missile Defense (TMD) program. The no-action alternative is the continuation of PMRF's current activities in support of existing DoD test and training programs.

This EIS will examine environmental impacts of developing and operating potential launch sites and tracking

stations/areas. Areas being considered for the launch and/or instrumentation sites include: (1) Kāuaʻi and the Hawaiian Islands, (2) other Pacific land-based support locations, and (3) ocean areas within and outside U.S. territorial waters.

The distances between PMRF and some of the locations under consideration may exceed limitations in current international agreements related to distances for target missile flights, but they will not exceed distances to the anticipated areas of operations. Any testing would comply with current U.S. policy concerning compliance with treaties and international agreements.

Since the State and Federal actions and decisions are interconnected, the analyses will be documented in a single joint EIS. The decisions to be made by the State of Hawaiʻi are: (1) Whether to revise the existing restrictive easement with the Navy to extend the easement term from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2030, and (2) Whether to extend and/or revise other Navy leases and concur with or grant approvals as may be required for Navy use of lands in the North-western Hawaiian Islands, to support the enhancement of PMRF to facilitate development and testing of TMD systems.

The objective of the EIS is to describe and evaluate environmental impacts of existing activities at the range (the no-action alternative), describe the alternatives for enhancing the range for purposes of testing TBMD systems, and evaluate the environmental impacts from various enhancement alternatives. Environmental resource areas that will be addressed in the EIS include air quality; biological resources, including threatened and endangered species; cultural resources; geology and soils; hazardous materials and waste; health and safety; land use; noise; socioeconomics; transportation, including airspace; utilities; visual and aesthetic resources; and water quality.

The Navy will host four scoping meetings to solicit input on significant issues that should be addressed in the EIS. Each scoping meeting will provide opportunities for clarification of the EIS and alternatives and solicit input from representatives of government agencies and interested individuals. The Navy will set up information stations at these scoping meetings. Each information station will be attended by a Navy representative who will be available to answer questions from meeting attendees. Comments will be entered into the official record via written comment sheets available at each meeting. Written comments will also be accepted via mail or fax. Regardless of the commenting method chosen, all comments will receive the same attention and consideration during EIS preparation.

The four public scoping meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

(1) JUNE 17 FROM 4:00-8:00 PM AT THE WAIMEA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, WAIMEA, KAUAʻI;

(2) JUNE 19 FROM 4:00-8:00 PM AT THE KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, KILAUEA, KAUAʻI;

(3) JUNE 21 FROM 1:00-4:00 PM AT THE WILCOX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA, LIHUʻE, KAUAʻI; AND

(4) JUNE 23 FROM 4:00-8:00 PM AT THE U.S. ARMY RESERVE CENTER ASSEMBLY HALL, ROOM 101, FORT SHAFTER FLATS, FORT SHAFTER, OʻAHU.

Agencies and the public are encouraged to provide written comments. To be most helpful, comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics that the EIS should address. Please mail written comments to: Vida Mossman, Pacific Missile Range Facility, P.O. Box 128, Kekaha, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi 96752-0128, or send by facsimile at (808) 335-4660. **PLEASE POSTMARK COMMENTS BY JUNE 23, 1997.** Additional information concerning this notice may be obtained by contacting Vida Mossman, Pacific Missile Range Facility, P.O. Box 128, Kekaha, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi, 96752-0128, telephone (808) 335-4740 (see, 62 F.R. 28451, May 23, 1997).

Monk Seal Permit

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced that Ms. Lucy W. Keith, Boston University Marine Program, has been issued scientific research permit No. 850-1342 to "take" by Level A and Level B harassment, Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) for purposes of scientific research. To review the permit and related documents, please call the NMFS at 973-2987 (see, 62 F.R. 27724, May 21, 1997).

Hawksbill Sea Turtle Taking Application

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that Hawaiʻi Wildlife Fund, Laʻie, Hawaiʻi has requested Permit No. 829250 (under the Endangered Species Act) to capture; flipper-tag; satellite and radio-tag; and release the hawksbill sea turtle in conjunction with reproductive and ecological research in Hawaiʻi and Maui Counties for the purpose of enhancing its survival. **WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THIS PERMIT APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 26, 1997.**

Comments should be submitted to the Chief, Division of Consultation and Conservation Planning, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; FAX: 503-231-6243. (See, 62 F.R. 28726, May 27, 1996).

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Crustacean Fisheries Rule Amendment

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces a final rule, effective **MAY 20, 1997**, to correct regulations implementing the Fishery Management Plan for the Crustacean Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (FMP) to clarify what records must be made available by first-level buyers upon request by an authorized officer. For more information, please call Mr. Alvin Katekaru at 973-2985 (see, 62 F.R. 27523, May 20, 1997).

Lobster Harvest Guidelines

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces a 1997 harvest guideline of 327,000 lobsters for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands crustacean fishery, effective **JULY 1, 1997**. The guideline includes spiny and slipper lobsters combined. The harvest guideline system will be adjusted before the beginning of the season to account for lobster mortality from discards of lobster by permit holders. The intent of this action is to prevent overfishing. Copies of background material for determining the harvest guideline may be obtained from Dr. William T. Hogarth, Acting Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802. Questions may be directed locally to Mr. Alvin Katekaru at 973-2985 (see, 62 F.R. 28376, May 23, 1997).

Environmental Stewardship Grants

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency announced the availability of approximately \$498,000 in fiscal year 1997 grant/cooperative agreement funds under section 20 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended, for grants to States and all Federally recognized Native American Tribes. The grant dollars are targeted at State and Tribal programs that address reduction of the risks associated with pesticide use in agricultural and non-agricultural settings in the United States. The purpose of the grant program is to support the establishment and expansion of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as a tool to be used to accomplish the goals of the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP).

The grant program is also designed to research alternative pest management practices, demonstrate unique application techniques, research control methods for pest complexes, produce educational materials for better pest identification or management, and other activities that further the goals of PESP. EPA specifically seeks to build State and local IPM capabilities or to test, at the State level, innovative ap-

proaches and methodologies that use application or other strategies to reduce the risks associated with pesticide use. EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs is offering the following grant opportunities to interested and qualified parties.

IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING DURING THE FY97 AWARD CYCLE, ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY EPA REGION IX ON OR BEFORE JUNE 6, 1997. EPA will make its award decisions by June 27, 1997. For more information, please contact Ms. Roccena Lawatch, (CMD4-3), 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105, Telephone: (415) 744-1068, lawatch.roccena@epamail.epa.gov (see, 62 F.R. 28474, May 23, 1997).

Oil/Gas/Sulphur Leases

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) of the U.S. Department of the Interior amended its regulations, effective **AUGUST 20, 1997**, concerning surety bond provisions to establish December 8, 1997, as the deadline for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas and sulphur lessees to comply with new levels of bond coverage established in 1993. It also makes other changes that reduce the risk of default by an underfunded entity who operates a lease or holds a pipeline right-of-way or geological and geophysical exploration permit to drill a deep stratigraphic test well. For more information, contact John V. Mirabella, Engineering and Operations Division, at (703) 787-1607 (see, 62 F.R. 27948, May 22, 1997).

Farmland Protection Requests Proposals

The Farmland Protection Program is requesting proposals from States, Tribes, and units of local government to cooperate in the acquisition of conservation easements of other interests in prime, unique, or other productive soil that is subject to a pending offer from a State, Tribe, or local government for the purpose of limiting conversion to non-agricultural uses of that land.

PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE NRCS STATE OFFICE (Mr. Kenneth M. Kaneshiro, State Conservationist, NRCS, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 4316, P.O. Box 50004, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96850-0002) **BY JULY 14, 1997**. For more information, please call locally 541-2601 or email Mr. Humberto Hernandez at cardd.nrcs@usda.gov. For email, please include "Subject 97FPP" in the body of the email message (see, 62 F.R. 28836, May 28, 1997).

Unisyn Biowaste Technology Facility

The following are excerpts from a comment letter written by the Waimanalo Neighborhood Board to DLNR and Unisyn regarding the draft environmental assessment for the Biowaste Technology Facility.

As you are aware, the Unisyn Biowaste Technology facility in Waimanalo is of enormous interest to the people of our community. Numerous complaints have been attributed to the facility, particularly regarding odor and affects on public health.

The Neighborhood Board has reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment and found it lacking in a number of important areas. We conclude that a Finding of No Significant Impact is not possible. Please review our comments bearing in mind that we are the closest possible neighbors, and most likely to be affected by the operation at Unisyn.

Public Health

No data is provided in the draft environmental assessment of public health affects. The potential health risks associated with exposure to bioaerosols and endotoxins generated from the processing and handling of composted organic materials are a major concern in jurisdictions evaluating existing compost installations or planning new ones. The potential health risk from bioaerosols and endotoxins can vary and are host- and dose- dependent, i.e. some individuals may respond to concentrations that don't affect others. Asthmatic and allergic individuals are at increased risk to responses from bioaerosols. Native Hawaiians have a higher prevalence of asthma, bronchitis and emphysema compared to the State's general population; 72% and 44% respectively. More than 50% of the Waimanalo population are Native Hawaiians, and are potentially at increased risk to responses from bioaerosols and endotoxins generated from the Unisyn facility. Unisyn has received numerous complaints from Waimanalo residents concerning public health affects, that have not been addressed. No information is

provided on the health affects of the burning of excess gas. No information is provided on the possible health risks that may cause or aggravate asthma, eye irritation, throat irritation and breathing difficulties.

Two kinds of studies (epidemiological and annoyance studies) can provide crucial information for defining potential public health affects. Since the City and State will be reviewing other composting facilities and will need to set acceptable guidelines, they should share in the funding of further health risk investigation.

Odor

Odor from the Unisyn facility is a significant concern to residents of Waimanalo, and there are many stages in the composting process that can generate odors. The E&A Environmental Consultants's Air Quality Report does not provide sufficient information to assess the degradation of environmental quality caused by odor. It is our understanding that air quality samples for odor analysis were conducted on only eight samples taken over less than a three-week period. In addition, air quality sampling for odor analysis was conducted before the green waste composting operation was added to the facility.

To date, no odor standards have been established. Odor standards can be based on odor measurements, the number of odor complaints, or an existing legal standard. Information needed to assess the degradation of environmental quality caused by odor include: 1) prediction of potential sources of odors along with emission rates, detectability and intensity, 2) meteorological conditions such as wind speed, direction, temperature, and inversion conditions, and 3) dispersion modeling to predict how odors will be transported into the community and how long they will persist.

