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reviews the environmental impacts of  
projects proposed in Hawaii

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## Kamoku Pukele FEIS Not Accepted

On January 29, 1999 the Department of Land and Natural Resources determined that Hawaiian Electric's final EIS for the Kamoku-Pukele 138-kV Line was not acceptable due to: (1) **lack of a mandated analysis of a rare or important resource.** Two individuals of the rare tree *Acacia koaia*, located in HECO's current powerline corridor, had not been described, nor had any impacts or mitigation measures to prevent such impacts been included; (2) **failure to respond fully to each of the several thousand comment postcards**

**received during the draft EIS public review period.** Responses referred postcard senders to the appropriate sections of the draft or final EIS, which was not in compliance with the EIS law, which requires the applicant to respond with a point-by-point discussion of comments... and a discussion as to how each comment was evaluated and considered; and (3) **response letters to postcards were not fully reproduced in the FEIS, but displayed in an abbreviated form.** Hawaiian Electric plans to submit a revised EIS.

### Commercial Harbors 2020 Master Plan

DOT is seeking public comments by **MARCH 25, 1999** on its Commercial Harbors 2020 Master Plan which addresses the Honolulu (hub of commercial operations), Kewalo Basin (commercial fishing/passenger cruise operations) and Barbers Point (maritime access for central and leeward communities) Harbors as dependent harbors whose activities are closely entwined. Actions include: construction of a cruise passenger terminal at Pier 2; construction of finger piers at Piers 12-16; construction of excursion vessel terminal at Piers 24-29; and construction of lay berth facilities in along Lagoon Drive; demolition/construction at Piers 19-20 and Piers 31-34; renovation/reconstruction at Piers 5-7; extension of fuel lines at Piers 28-29; domestic commercial fishing village at Piers 36-38; interisland cargo yard improvements at Piers 39-40; Barbers Point Harbor Expansion Improvements; and, Barbers Point Harbor Perimeter Lighting. See page 5 for details.

### Kaanapali Beach Hotel Restaurant and Canoe Facility

After the issuance of its 1998 SMA Permit, Ka'anapali Beach Hotel (KBH) has determined that the 150 foot setback would adversely impact the hotel's goal of providing a facility with a strong orientation to the ocean and which can appeal to the hotel and resort customer. KBH is now requesting a shoreline variance to its previously issued SMA Permit in order to build a restaurant and canoe facilities (beneath and in front of the restaurant) within the 150 foot shoreline setback area. See page 9.

### Biotreatment of Municipal Wastewater Demonstration FONSI

In an EA/FONSI, the U.S. Army Environmental Center *et alia*, seeks comments by **MARCH 8, 1999** on a demonstration project to design, construct and operate wetlands for treatment of municipal wastewater on Dole Food Company Hawaii property on Whitmore Avenue in Wahiawa. See page 7.

### Geothermal Well Drilling Permits Issued

On **FEBRUARY 1, 1999**, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has issued geothermal well drilling permits to Puna Geothermal Venture, for wells KS-11 and KS-5.

# Definitions

## Your guide to the Environmental Review Process

### Draft Environmental Assessment

A project or action that may affect the environment cannot be implemented until an Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared in accordance with HRS §343. If the lead government agency anticipates that the project will have no significant environmental impact, then a Draft EA is written and public notice is published in this bulletin. The public has 30 days to comment on the Draft EA from the date of the first notice.

### Final Environmental Assessment and FONSI (Negative Declaration)

If, after the lead agency reviews the public comments, it feels that the project will have no significant effect on the environment, then it will prepare a Final EA and issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) formerly called a *Negative Declaration*. The Final EA must respond to all public comments. An Environmental Impact Statement will not be required and the project may now be implemented. The public has 30 days from the first notice of a FONSI in this Bulletin to sue in court to require the preparation of an EIS.

### EIS Prep Notice

If the lead agency decides that a project may have a significant environmental impact, it must prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prior to implementing the project. The first step in preparing an EIS is publishing an EIS Preparation Notice (Prep Notice) in this Bulletin. Agencies, groups or individuals have 30 days from the first publication of an EIS Prep Notice to request to become a consulted party and to make written comments regarding the environmental effects of the proposed action. The draft EIS must respond to these comments.

### Draft EIS

If a project is likely to have a significant environmental impact, the lead agency or private applicant must prepare a

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) prior to project implementation. This document must completely disclose the likely impacts of a project. Secondary and cumulative impacts must be discussed along with measures proposed to mitigate them. The public has 45 days from the first publication date in this Bulletin to comment on a Draft EIS.

### Final EIS

After considering public comments filed during the Draft EIS stage, the agency or applicant must prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS). The Final EIS must respond to all comments from the draft stage. If deeper analysis was required, it must be included in this document. If the project is from a private applicant, the lead agency is authorized to accept the FEIS. If the project is public, the Governor or Mayor is the accepting authority. Only after the EIS is accepted, may the project be implemented.

### EIS Acceptance Notice

If the accepting authority accepts a Final Environmental Impact Statement, a separate EIS Acceptance Notice will be published in this Bulletin. The public has 60 days from the date of first notice of acceptance to sue in court to challenge the acceptance of an EIS.

### NEPA

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is the law that requires federal projects to prepare an EIS. It is similar to Hawaii's law. Some projects require both a state and federal EIS and the public comment procedure should be coordinated. Although not required by law, the OEQC publishes NEPA notices in this Bulletin to help keep the public informed of important actions.

### Special Management Area Permits

The Special Management Area (SMA) is along the coastlines of all our islands. Most development in this area requires a Special Management Permit (SMP). The Counties regulate development

of this area. On Oahu, the County law requires an EA be prepared to accompany a permit application. This Bulletin posts notice of these SMP applications to encourage public input.

### Shoreline Certifications

State law requires that Hawaii shorelines be surveyed and certified when necessary to clearly establish the regulatory building setback (usually 40 feet inland from the shoreline). The public may participate in the process to help assure accurate regulatory boundaries. Private land owners often petition to have their shoreline certified prior to construction. This Bulletin publishes notice of both shoreline certification applications and of final certifications or rejections.

### Environmental Council

The Environmental Council is a fifteen-member citizen board appointed by the Governor to advise the State on environmental concerns. The council makes the rules that govern the Environmental Impact Statement process. The agendas of their regular meetings are published in this Bulletin and the public is invited to attend.

### Exemption Lists

Government agencies must keep a list describing the minor activities they regularly perform that are declared exempt from the environmental review process. These lists are reviewed and approved by the Environmental Council. This Bulletin will publish an agency's draft exemption list for public comment prior to Council decision making.

### Conservation District Permits

Use of land in the State Conservation District requires a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA). These applications are reviewed and approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). Members of the public may intervene in the permit process. Notice of these permit applications is published in this Bulletin.

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## Final Environmental Assessments (FONSI)



### (1) Duty Free Shop Galleria Office Addition

**District:** Honolulu  
**TMK:** 2-6-19: 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29,  
34, 35, 36, 41, 45, 46, 47 and 48  
**Applicant:** DFS Group L.P.  
3375 Koapaka Street, Suite 200  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819  
Contact: Stephen H. Miller (837-3000)

#### Approving Agency/Accepting

**Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Planning and Permitting  
650 South King Street, 7th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Art Challacombe (523-4107)

#### Public Challenge

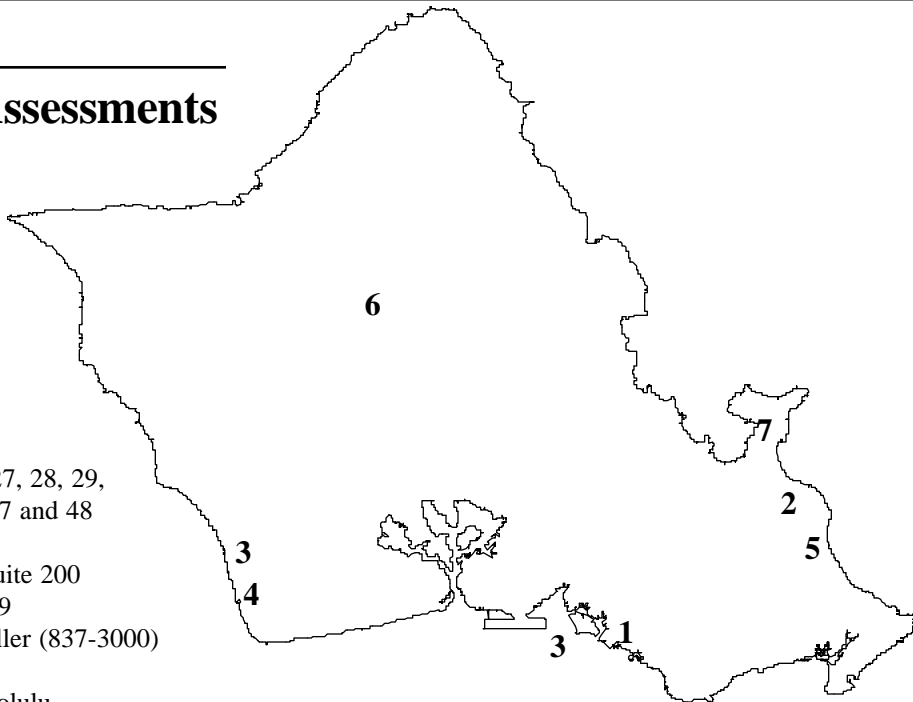
**Deadline:** March 25, 1999  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.  
**Permits** Waikiki Special District permit  
**Required:** amendment, parking variance

The proposed project will add 13,645 square feet of office space on the roof of the existing fourth level of the Duty Free Shop (DFS) Galleria. Construction would occur in two increments: The first increment of 8,132 square feet would be constructed immediately upon approval by the Department of Planning and Permitting and obtaining a building permit. Construction of this initial phase would be completed by the end of April 1999. Construction of the second phase of 5,513 square feet is subject to demand for use of Phase I space and would likely occur in the next 3 to 5 years.



### (2) Kalama Beach Park Improvements

**District:** Koolaupoko  
**TMK:** 4-3-16:04  
**Applicant:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Design and Construction  
650 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Carl Braun (523-4799)



#### Approving Agency/Accepting

**Authority:** Same as above.  
**Consultant:** Mason Architects, Inc.  
119 Merchant Street, Suite 501  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Glenn Mason/John Fullmer (536-0556)

#### Public Challenge

**Deadline:** March 25, 1999  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.  
**Permits**  
**Required:** Building, SMA, SSV

#### Site

Improve access to the park and the beach by increasing parking and creating a continuous accessible pathway which connects all elements of the park including the beach. Restoration of critical areas of the landscape to match the historic condition when the house was built. A summary of the site-related action follows:

- A new freestanding caretaker's cottage will be built away from the main house and beach access. The cottage will replace the existing one that will be removed as part of the restoration of the main house (see below). The new location will provide good visibility to the park and residence while providing greater privacy for the caretaker.
- Relocation of the showers from the Lanikai side of the comfort station to the makai side of the comfort station.

- Construction of new sidewalks and parking to provide accessibility to the beach and buildings for people in wheel chairs.
- Restoration of the sand dune and beach Naupaka along the shoreline.
- Relocation of non-significant trees from the central area along the beach dune to the side yards in order to restore historic views and conditions and increase neighbors' privacy.

## House

The historic Boettcher Residence is a one-story wood framed building built in 1937 as a vacation home. Major changes to the building occurred in 1988 when, among other changes, the two master bedrooms and bath were converted to a single large meeting room and public bathrooms were installed in the Kaneohe wing of the house, replacing former bedrooms and a bathroom. Major work being proposed includes:

- Restoring the exterior and interior of the building to its c. 1937 appearance to the maximum extent possible.
- Removing the existing caretaker's cottage, storage room, and garage connected to the Kaneohe wing of the mainhouse and restoration of the Kaneohe side of the house.
- Refinishing all interior and exterior surfaces of the building.
- Changes to improve the accessibility of the public spaces of the house per the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG).

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## Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notices (EISP)

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### (3) Oahu Commercial Harbors 2020 Master Plan

**District:** Honolulu  
**TMK:** 2-1-15, 2-1-01, 1-1-70, 1-1-76, 1-5-36, 1-5-38, 1-5-39, 1-5-32, 9-1-14  
**Applicant:** Department of Transportation  
Harbors Division  
79 S. Nimitz Highway  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Glenn Soma (587-2503)

#### **Approving Agency/Accepting**

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

**Consultant:** Wil Chee Planning, Inc.  
1400 Rycroft Street, Suite 928  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814  
Contact: Richard Stook (955-6088)

#### **Public Comment**

**Deadline:** March 25, 1999  
**Status:** EISP First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

**Permits Required:** Army COE, Sec. 401, CZM consistency, NPDES

The Hawaii State Department of Transportation, Harbors Division proposes to implement a series of improvements in Honolulu Harbor as part of their Oahu Commercial Harbors 2020 Master Plan. The proposed harbor improvements are scheduled to be initiated by the year 2003 and are designated Immediate Phase projects. The proposed action consists of the following elements:

Cruise Passenger Terminal - The proposed cruise passenger terminal would involve the construction of a passenger vessel terminal at Pier 2, which would be capable of accommodating two cruise ships. The conceptual plan for the proposed facilities includes two terminal buildings, parking areas, and a new paved roadway to access the terminal buildings and parking facilities.

Finger Piers - The proposed improvements will be undertaken at Piers 12, 15 and 16 and will consist of the reconstruction of Pier 12, the extension of Pier 16, and construction of new finger piers at Piers 12a and 15a.

Excursion Vessel Terminal - Proposed improvements involve the construction of a commercial excursion vessel passenger terminal at Piers 24 - 29 which would accommodate the same types of excursion and tour operations presently operating out of Kewalo Basin.

Lay Berth Facilities - This project involves the construction of lay berths in Keehi Lagoon to accommodate foreign and domestic commercial fishing vessels, barges, and other impounded vessels.

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Studies will be undertaken to determine impacts and mitigation measures for water quality, biological resources, noise, traffic, air quality, and archaeological resources.

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## National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

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### (4) Barbers Point Naval Air Station (NAS) Disposal and Reuse (Final Environmental Impact Statement)

The Department of the Navy, in cooperation with the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the disposal and reuse of NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii. The FEIS describes the disposal of surplus Navy property for subsequent reuse and redevelopment, in accordance with the 1990 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act, and the 1993 Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommendations.

The Draft EIS was published in August 1998 for agency and public review. Copies of the DEIS were distributed to government agencies and other interested parties who were given 45 days until October 12, 1998, to submit written comments on the DEIS. Two public hearings on the DEIS were conducted on October 5 and October 7, 1998. The FEIS has incorporated all comments received either in the text or in Appendix A.

The Department of the Navy intends to issue a Record of Decision (ROD) at least 30 days after the Notice of Availability for the FEIS is published in the Federal Register. The ROD will explain the decision regarding the proposed action and alternatives evaluated in the FEIS, as well as describe any mitigation measures that will be implemented to reduce environmental impacts to a not significant level.

For further information contact Mr. Melvin Kaku, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-3134, telephone 471-9338 or fax 474-5909.



### (5) Bellows Air Force Station (AFS) Four Construction Projects (Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact)

**TMK:** 4-1-15-1  
**Applicant:** U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu  
ATTN: CEPOH-ED-ES  
Building 252  
Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440  
Contact: Edward Yamada (438-5421)

**Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:** 15th Air Base Wing  
800 Scott Circle  
Hickam AFB, Hawaii 96853-5328  
Contact: MSG Mike Hawley (499-1584 x 204)

**Public Comment Deadline:** March 10, 1999

The United States Air Force (USAF) has completed an environmental assessment for the following proposed 4 projects at Bellows Air Force Station, Hawaii:

1. Addition/Alteration Administration/Training Facility. The proposed action is to do addition/alteration on the 1st and 2nd story of Buildings 700 and 701.
2. Recreational Site Lodgings. The proposal is to replace the five recreational housing units that were demolished with three new duplex units.
3. Recreational Equipment Checkout Facility. The proposal is to construct a pre-engineered building with a concrete slab to provide adequate storage and office space.
4. Recreation Lodging Housekeeping Facility. This proposal is to construct office space, laundry room, supply area, and break room to support house-cleaning requirements.



## (6) Biotreatment of Municipal Wastewater in Constructed Wetlands Demonstration Project

**Applicant:** U.S. Army Environmental Center  
Attn: SFIM-AEC-ETD (Mark Hampton)  
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5401  
Contact: Mark Hampton (410-436-6852)

**Approving Agency/Accepting**

**Authority:** Chief, Pollution Prevention & Environmental Technology Division  
Attn: SFIM-AEC-ET (James Arnold)  
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5401  
Contact: Jim Arnold (410-436-6837)

**Consultant:** Tennessee Valley Authority  
P.O. Box 1010, CEB 4C  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35662-1010  
Contact: Richard Almond (256-386-3030)

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:** March 8, 1999

The U.S. Army Environmental Center (AEC), the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Dole Food Company Hawaii (DFCH) are collaborating on the design, construction, and operation of a constructed wetlands for the biotreatment of municipal wastewater. The wetlands would be constructed on DFCH property in Oahu, Hawaii. At the current levels, less than one-tenth of the wastewater in Hawaii is being recycled for reuse. There is a need to find a way to treat wastewater for agricultural use, thereby minimizing the demands on the limited freshwater supplies. The intent of this small-scale demonstration is to use a constructed wetlands system to purify gray water to a level (R-rating) suitable for irrigation. The R-rating defines the restrictions for reuse of wastewater effluent. The objective of the constructed wetlands demonstration project is to demonstrate the economic, agronomic, and environmental benefits of utilizing existing agriculturally based treatment technologies for wastewater recycle.

The proposed constructed wetlands project would not cause any significant negative impacts to the environment. The overall long-term impact of the project to the environment would also be beneficial because it would demonstrate a feasible and economical method of treating wastewater for reuse. Based on the findings of the environmental assessment, this project is not considered a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment;

therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required. It is anticipated that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for this project.



## (7) Klipper Golf Course Improvements, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay (FONSI)

**District:** Koolaupoko  
**TMK:** 4-4-08:por. 1  
**Applicant:** U.S. Navy  
Commanding General  
Marine Corps Base Hawaii  
Box 63002  
Kaneohe Bay, HI 96863-3002  
Contact: Connie Chang (471-9338)

**Consultant:** Helber Hastert & Fee, Planners  
733 Bishop Street, Suite 2590  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Contact: Scott Ezer (545-2055)

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) implementing procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Marine Corps gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for the proposed improvements to the Klipper Golf Course at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, Hawaii. The proposed improvements to the 62-ha (155-ac) Klipper Golf Course consist of the following: (1) replacement and expansion of an existing spray irrigation system from about 40 ha (100 ac) to about 50 ha (125 ac); (2) upgrade and expansion of the cart path network; (3) installation of a new lighting system for the driving range and practice putting an pitching areas; and (4) planting trees/shrubs on the perimeter of the golf course as a landscape buffer to prevent aerosol drift of the spray irrigation system from entering adjacent residential areas, in accordance with State of Hawaii Department of Health guidelines. Implementing the proposed actions will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has concurred with the Section 7 Endangered Species consultation determination that the proposed actions are not likely to adversely affect endangered waterbirds or their habitat, provided specific mitigation measures are implemented. The Marine Corps will mitigate potential adverse effects to the Mokapu Burial Area by implementing appropriate mitigation measures. A Memorandum

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dum of Agreement among MCBH Kaneohe Bay, the State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation specifying required mitigation measures will be executed in consultation with Native Hawaiian organizations under the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and constitutes a Plan of Action in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. Based on information gathered during preparation of the EA, the U.S. Marine Corps finds that the proposed improvements to the Klipper Golf Course at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay will not significantly impact the environment. The EA addressing this action may be obtained from: Commander, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-7200 (Attention: Ms. Connie Chang, Code 231CC), telephone (808) 471-9338. A limited number of copies of the EA are available to fill single copy requests.

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## Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

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### Draft Environmental Assessments

#### 🦋 Hauula Baseyard Improvements (Special Management Area)

**Applicant:** Department of Transportation, Highways Division  
869 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Peter Chan (837-8046)

**Approving Agency/Accepting**

**Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Planning and Permitting  
650 South King Street, 7th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Dana Teramoto (523-4648)

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:** March 10, 1999

#### 🦋 Kuhio Beach Improvements

**Applicant:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation  
333 Queen Street, Suite 300  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Manuel Emiliano (587-0122)

**Approving Agency/Accepting**

**Authority:** Same as above.

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:** March 10, 1999

#### 🦋 North-South Road Corridor Comment Deadline Extension

The State Department of Transportation has extended the comment deadline for the North-South Road Corridor draft environmental assessment. The original deadline was January 22, 1999. Comments will be accepted for 2 weeks following a public hearing on this project. The date of the hearing has not yet been announced. For further information see the December 23, 1998 *Environmental Notice* or call Ron Tsuzuki at 587-1830.

#### Final EIS Determinations

#### 🦋 Kamoku-Pukele 138-kV Transmission Line Project

**Applicant:** Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2750  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96840-0001  
Contact: Kerstan Wong (543-7059)

**Approving Agency/Accepting**

**Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Sam Lemmo (587-0381)

**Status:** FEIS *not accepted* by the Department of Land and Natural Resources on January 29, 1999.

#### 🦋 Waimanalo Wastewater Facilities Plan

**Applicant:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Wastewater Management  
650 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Carl Arakaki (523-4671)

**Approving Agency/Accepting**

**Authority:** Governor, State of Hawai'i  
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control  
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Status:** FEIS *accepted* by the Governor on January 29, 1999.





## Draft Environmental Assessments



### (1) Kaanapali Beach Hotel Restaurant/Canoe Hale

**District:** Lahaina  
**TMK:** 4-4-8:03  
**Applicant:** Kaanapali Beach Hotel  
2525 Kaanapali Parkway  
Lahaina, Hawaii 96761  
Contact: Michael B. White (808) 667-0211

**Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:** County of Maui  
Maui Planning Commission  
250 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Ann Cua (808) 243-7735

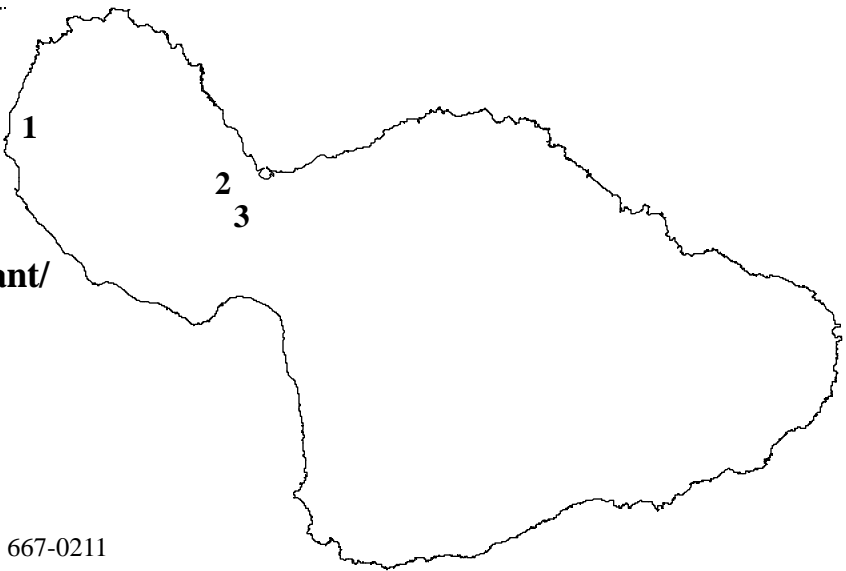
**Consultant:** Chris Hart & Partners  
Landscape Architecture and Planning  
1955 Main Street, Suite 200  
Wailuku HI 96793  
Contact: Rory Frampton (808) 242-1955

**Public Comment Deadline:** March 25, 1999  
**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.

**Permits Required:** SMA amendment, building, shoreline setback variance

Kaanapali Beach Hotel is requesting a Shoreline Area Variance and an amendment to a previously issued Special Management Area (SMA) Permit (90/SM1-040) in order to locate a restaurant/canoe facility partially within the 150 ft. shoreline setback area. FONSI determinations were made for the project in 1990 and 1998, and the new location is not expected to change the addressed impacts to the natural environment or infrastructure. Temporary, construction related impacts to noise and air quality will be mitigated by restricting construction activities to standard business hours, and through adherence to the Department of Health's rules and regulations.

The location of the proposed facility has been based on a historical analysis of shoreline erosion/accretion rates.



While the beach in front of the facility has tended to accrete over the last fifty years, a conservative approach was taken in situating the proposed restaurant well behind the most extreme shoreline retreat, which occurred in 1949. However unlikely, in the case of an unprecedented erosion event, impacts will be minimized and mitigated by an environmentally sensitive design scheme (yet in practice within the Kaanapali shoreline area). The Restaurant/Canoe Hale's foundation will rest on piers, allowing it to withstand wave action while not causing adverse impacts to beach processes. Likewise, walkways servicing the facility will be made up of movable sections that can be relocated under threat of wave action.

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



### (2) Iao Intermediate School Master Plan

**District:** Wailuku  
**TMK:** 3-4-09:3, 4  
**Applicant:** Department of Accounting and General Services, Division of Public Works  
P.O. Box 119  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96810  
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)

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## Approving Agency/Accepting

**Authority:** Same as above.  
**Consultant:** Gerald Park Urban Planner  
1400 Rycroft Street, Suite 876  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814  
Contact: Gerald Park (942-7484)

## Public Challenge

**Deadline:** March 25, 1999  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.  
**Permits Required:** Noise, vector control, street closure, grubbing/grading, demolition, BMP, variance or waiver (yard encroachment)

The Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii, is preparing a Master Plan for Iao Intermediate School located in the town of Wailuku, Maui. The purpose of the Master Plan is to guide the future development of Iao Intermediate School to the year 2010. Modifications to the physical plant are required to bring existing classrooms and facilities up to Department of Education standards and provide the facilities needed to accommodate a design enrollment of 1,087 students by the year 2010.

The Iao Intermediate School Master Plan recommends the demolition of several existing buildings, construction of new buildings, the rehabilitation and renovation of several aged buildings, and additions to existing buildings. The Master Plan also proposes modifications to vehicle circulation and parking, provision of new infrastructure, and ancillary improvements to the campus.

The Wailuku Armory, which was turned over to the DOE in 1998, is integrated into the Master Plan. The Armory has been determined to be a historic structure and will not be demolished. The exterior of the building (except for the rear of the structure) will be rehabilitated to its near original architectural character and detailing. A three-story addition will be constructed inside the Armory.

The cost of Phase I of the project is estimated at \$10.7 million. A six phase construction schedule spanning 10-12 years is envisioned. The school will remain open and functionally operational during this period.



## (3) Waiko Baseyard Subdivision

**District:** Wailuku  
**TMK:** 3-5-02:por. 01

**Applicant:** Wailuku Agribusiness Company, Inc.  
255 East Waiko Road  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Avery Chumbley (244-9570)

## Approving Agency/Accepting

**Authority:** County of Maui, Department of Planning  
250 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Clayton Yoshida (243-7735)

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

## Public Challenge

**Deadline:** March 25, 1999  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.  
**Permits Required:** LUD Boundary Amendment, Community Plan Amendment, Change in Zoning, Construction permits

Wailuku Agribusiness Company, Inc. (WACI) is proposing to develop a light industrial subdivision in Waikapu, Maui, Hawaii consisting of approximately 19 lots. The project site includes WACI's office, storage, dormitory, and maintenance buildings, as well as Brewer Environmental Industries (BEI) administrative, commercial, and warehouse facility. The remainder of the site is undeveloped and is predominantly vegetated with introduced grass species, as well as lowlying weeds and shrubs, kiawe, and koa haole. With the termination of pineapple cultivation activities in November 1995, the WACI office building and BEI's facility are the only structures which are currently being utilized.

The project site is bordered by a cane-haul road and the Maui Scrap Metal recycling facility to the east, Waiko Road and sugar cane fields to the south, and undeveloped lands to the north and west. In addition to BEI's onsite operations, existing industrial-related uses, such as the Maui Scrap Metal recycling facility, as well as the Diversified Machinery, Inc., Maui Trucking Inc., and the Fong Construction Company, Ltd. baseyards are situated within close proximity of the project site.

The proposed project will involve the development of a light industrial subdivision and associated infrastructure improvements. The proposed subdivision will consist of approximately 19 lots ranging in size from approximately 13,864 square feet to 2.8 acres. Subdivision improvements will be developed in accordance with applicable regulatory design and construction standards, with water and wastewater system improvements proposed to connect to the existing county systems.

## Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

### Draft Environmental Assessments

#### 👉 Northshore Greenway, Phase II

**Applicant:** County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Waste Management  
200 S High Street  
Wailuku HI 96793  
Contact: Joe Krueger (243-7745)

**Approving Agency/Accepting**

**Authority:** Same as above.

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:** March 10, 1999

#### 👉 Paia Municipal Parking Lot

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

**Approving Agency/Accepting**

**Authority:** Same as above.

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:** March 10, 1999

#### 👉 Schatz Residence & Related Improvements

**Applicant:** Douglas Schatz  
1625 Sharp Point Drive  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525  
Contact: Rory Frampton (242-1955)

**Approving Agency/Accepting**

**Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Tom Eisen (587-0379)

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:** March 10, 1999

#### 👉 Waihee Elementary School

**Applicant:** Department of Accounting and General Services, Division of Public Works  
P.O. Box 119  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96810  
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0483)

**Approving Agency/Accepting**

**Authority:** Same as above.

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:** March 10, 1999



## Wetlands Meetings

The DOH will be holding public informational meetings in the following locations to gather comments on the State's proposed Wetlands Management Policy:

*Kauai:* February 23, 1999 - 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.  
Department of Health  
3040 Umi Street, Lihue  
For directions, call Clyde Takekuma at 241-3323

*Hawaii:* February 25, 1999 - 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.  
Cooperative Extension Service  
Komohana Agricultural Complex, Conference Room  
875 Komohana Street, Hilo  
For directions, call 959-9155

For details and copies of the January 1999 Draft Hawai'i Wetland Management Policy please visit the world-wide web at <http://www.pixi.com/~epo/>.

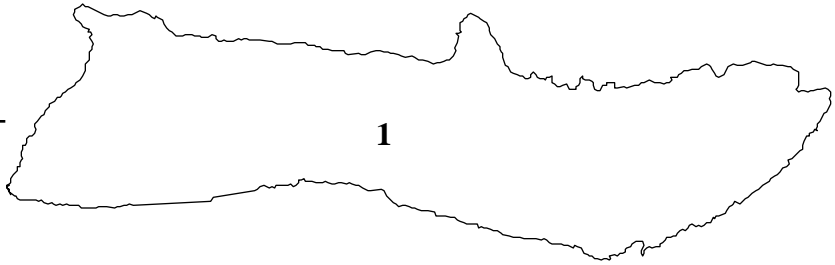
Or write to the Department of Health, Environmental Planning Office, 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 312, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814.

The Wetland Coordinator can be contacted at (808) 586-4377 or 586-4337, Fax (808) 586-4370, or E-mail at [aura@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:aura@hawaii.rr.com).

# Molokai Notices

FEBRUARY 23, 1999

## Draft Environmental Assessments



### (1) Hoolehua Community Center

**District:** Molokai  
**TMK:** 5-2-15:53  
**Applicant:** Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
P.O. Box 1879  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805  
Contact: Michele Otake (587-6451)  
**Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:** Same as above.  
**Public Comment Deadline:** March 25, 1999  
**Status:** Exempt under HAR 11-200-8(a)(2), replacement of an existing facility.

*Note: The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is exempting this project, but wishes to receive public comments for a 30-day period. Please send comments to the address above.*

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is proposing to develop a new community facility on a 6.993 acre parcel in Hoolehua, Molokai, Hawaii. The site is the current location of the Molokai Recreation Center, originally constructed in the 1970's as a recreational hall and community center. The building has since deteriorated beyond repair and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is proposing to demolish it after developing a new facility on the existing parcel, fronting Farrington Avenue.

The parcel is currently utilized as a community facility and park and is primarily vegetated with Bougainvillea shrubs along the slopes. The lower flat area is grassed. There are three Monkey pod trees and sixteen Formosa koa trees. The proposed development does not intend to destroy any of the existing trees or shrubs and the use of the parcel will remain as existing. No endangered animal species have been observed or recorded on the site.

The proposed development will be a single-story, easy to maintain building that will address the community's need for both recreational and meeting rooms. The development will also provide community access to a commercial kitchen facility and an alternative site for the community service providers that are now tenants of the Molokai Recreation Center; Punana Leo O Molokai and Alu Like, Inc. Minor uses include conference rooms and building facilities.

The proposed facility will be constructed of durable concrete masonry block for bearing walls, metal studs with gypsum board for non-bearing interior walls, and wood trusses at the roof. Construction is anticipated by the fall of 1999 with completion expected by summer of 2000 and occupancy by the tenants is anticipated to occur in the fall of 2000.

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

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### (1) Hoolulu Park Complex Additional Parking and Acquisition of State Land

**District:** South Hilo  
**TMK:** 2-2-33:13 and 14  
**Applicant:** County of Hawaii  
Office of the Mayor  
25 Aupuni Street, Room 215  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Contact: Glenn Taguchi (961-8211)

**Approving Agency/Accepting**

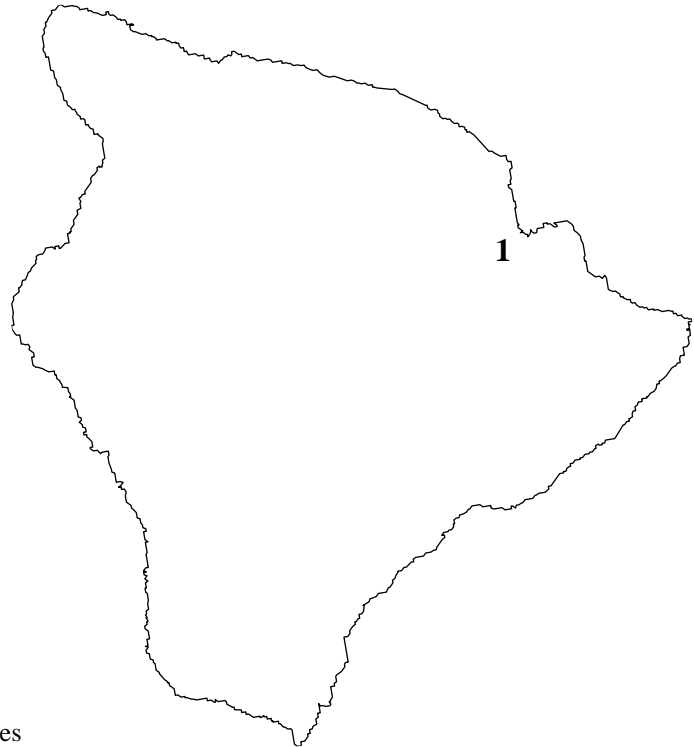
**Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Charlene Unoki (974-6203)  
Hawaii District Land Agent

**Public Challenge**

**Deadline:** March 25, 1999  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.  
**Permits Required:** Wetlands determination, UIC, SMA, plan approval, noise, grading

The County of Hawaii is proposing to acquire, by Governor's Executive Order, 124,000 square feet, more or less, of government land and construct additional parking for the Hoolulu Park Complex.

After acquisition of the lands and upon securing of the required funding, the project site shall be cleared and graded in compliance with Chapter 10, Erosion and Sediment Control, Hawaii County Code. All rubble, rubbish and construction waste shall be disposed of at an approved sanitary landfill site. Fill material shall be imported in accordance with the final grading plans.



Subject to funding, the project site shall be paved and striped as specified. Security measures such as signage, gates, lights, fences, etc., together with a landscaping plan and a plan for off-site improvements such as sidewalks, off-site drainage, etc., shall be incorporated into the project design, as appropriate.

Design and construction of the proposed project shall conform to all applicable laws, ordinances, etc., of the Federal, State and County of Hawaii governments, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.



# Kauai Notices

FEBRUARY 23, 1999

## Final Environmental Assessments (FONSI)

### (1) Papaa Bay Ranch Improvements

**District:** Kawaihau  
**TMK:** 4-9-05:por. 13; 4-9-06:por. 05, 11  
**Applicant:** Mandalay Properties Hawaii LLC  
c/o Belles Graham Proudfoot & Wilson  
4334 Rice Street, Suite 202  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Contact: Max Graham, Jr., Esq. (245-4705)

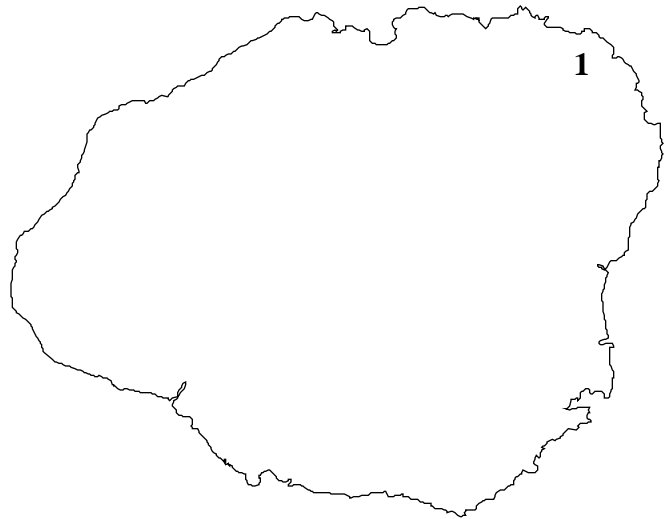
#### Approving Agency/Accepting

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

**Consultant:** Avery Youn (246-9414)  
2980 Ewalu Street, Unit 1  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766

#### Public Challenge

**Deadline:** March 25, 1999  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.  
**Permits**  
**Required:** CDU, SMA, grading permits



Lot A-1-A of the Moloaa Hui Partition is part of a larger area known as the Papaa Bay Ranch. Mandalay Properties Hawaii LLC owns the 67.46 acre lot of which a portion, 44.40 acres, is in the Conservation District. Planting of coconut palm trees, beach heliotrope trees, kamani trees, hala trees, and naupaka bushes and the installation of an underground irrigation system is proposed to enhance the visual landscape.

An existing 4500 foot driveway that crosses the ranch and connects to Kuhio Highway will be re-surfaced with asphalt to provide vehicular access for three proposed residences that will be located on the Papaa Bay Ranch, but in an area outside of the Conservation District.

# Land Use Commission Notices

## Stengle Property

The LUC has received the following request regarding a petition for declaratory order:

**Docket No:** DR99-21  
**Petitioner:** Robert E. & Christine M. Stengle  
**Location:** Manoloa, North Hilo, Hawaii  
**Acres:** 9.44 acres  
**TMK:** 3-2-03: 23 and 41.  
**Request:** Clarify and Correct Boundary Interpretation No. 98-36 dated October 29, 1998, and Boundary Interpretation No. 98-50 dated January 12, 1999.  
**Date Filed:** January 27, 1999

If you would like further detailed information on this matter, please contact:

State Land Use Commission

Location Address  
Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building  
(State Office Tower)  
235 S. Beretania Street, Room 406  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 2359  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804-2359

Phone: 587-3822

# Shoreline Notices

FEBRUARY 23, 1999

## 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-542	01/26/99	Lot H-1 of Ld Ct App 979, Kahaluu Fish Pond, Kahaluu, Koolaulopoko, Oahu (507 Kamehameha Highway)	Engineers Surveyors Hawaii, Inc. for Linda Wong	4-7-11:01
OA-708	02/01/99	Lot 31 and 31-A of Kahala Subdivision, Kahala, Honolulu, Oahu (4377 Royal Place)	Joseph Nicolai for Joseph Nicolai	3-5-02:04
OA-709	01/27/99	Ulehawa Beach Park, Parcels 2, 3, & 4 (CSF 15461, 15462 & 15463) Lualualei, Waianae, Oahu	Community Planning, Inc. for City and County of Honolulu/Dept of Parks & Recreation	8-7-05:01 & 03; 8-7-06:03; 8-7-07:Por. 01; & 8-7-08:26
HA-149	01/26/99	Lot 28 of Puako Beach Lots (HTS Plat 414-A) Being the Whole of Grant S-13,741 to George M. White, Lalamilo, Waimea, South Kohala, Hawaii [69-1870 Puako Road (#112 Puako)]	Wes Thomas Associates for James Mair	6-9-05:03
MA-067	01/29/99	Lot A-1 Makena Beach Lots, Being a Por of RP 8534, LCAW 11216, Ap 21, to M. Kekauonohi, Palauea, Honuaula, Makawao, Maui (South Kihei Road, Makena)	R Tanaka Engineers, Inc. for John Kean	2-1-11:03
MA-208	01/27/99	North Beach Subdiv, Being Lots 87 & 88 as shown on Map 74 of Ld Ct App 1744, Lot 89 & 90 as shown on Map 75 of Ld Ct App 1744 & Lot 8 of North Beach Subdiv, Honokowai, Kaanapali Lahaina, Maui (Honoapiilani Highway, Kaanapali)	Austin, Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc. Amfac Property Development, Corp.	4-4-14:03, 04, 05 & 08

## 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, M 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-706	Certified 02/10/99	Kamehameha Highway Drainage Improvements Project No. 83D-01-98, Kaaawa, Koolauloa, Oahu (Kaaawa, Oahu)	State of Hawaii/Dept of Transportation for C&C of Honolulu, Kualoa Ranch, Inc. and Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Yin	5-1-09:25 & 28, 5-1-12:1 & 2
OA-535	Certified 02/10/99	Lot 313, Ld Ct App 1052, Waianae, Oahu (84-136 Makau Street)	DJNS Surveying & Mapping, Inc. for Richard & Sharon Geilenfelt	8-4-10:11
HA-204	Certified 02/10/99	Lot 54 of Puako Beach Lots (HTS Plat 414-B), Whole of Grant 13,393 to Joaquin S. Ramos & Dorothy Ramos, Lalamilo, Waimea, S. Kohala, Hawaii (69-1736 Puako Beach Drive)	Wes Thomas Associates for Dorothy Ramos	6-9-04:12
MA-201	Certified 02/10/99	Lot 37-B, Kuau Sunset Beach Lots (File Plan 302), Kuau, Makawao, Maui (Malie Place, Paia, Maui)	Akamai Land Surveying, Inc. for Beth Holiday	2-6-11:30

# Pollution Control Permits

FEBRUARY 23, 1999

## 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 Permit	Equilon Enterprises LLC No. 0262-02-N	3145 Waapa Road, Lihue, Kauai	Issued: 2/3/99	Nawiliwili Petroleum Terminal
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Covered Source Permit	Chevron U.S.A. Products Company No. 0081-01-C	100-A Hobron Avenue, Kahului, Maui	Issued: 2/4/99	Kahului Marketing Terminal Petroleum Storage Tanks and Loadrack
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Covered Source Permit	Chevron U.S.A. Products Company No. 0080-01-C	Port Allen Road, Eleele, Kauai	Issued: 2/4/99	Port Allen Marketing Terminal Petroleum Storage Tanks and Loadracks
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Noncovered Source Permit	Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Corporation No. 0317-01-N	1 Macadamia Nut Road, Keaau, Hawaii	Issued: 2/4/99	Two (2) 300 kW Diesel Engine Generators and One (1) Biomass/Oil Fired Boiler with Wet Scrubber
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Temporary Noncovered Source Permit	Industrial Parts Hawaii, Inc. No. 0437-01-NT	Various Temporary Sites Initial Location: 87-601 Paakea Road, Waianae, Oahu	Issued: 2/10/99	150 TPH Screening Plant and Diesel Engine Generator
Clean Water Branch, 586-4309, NPDES Permit	County of Hawaii, Dept. of Public Works, No. HI0020770, Docket 99-CW-PW-2	Kulaimano Wastewater Treatment Plant, Pepe'ekeo, Hawaii	Comments/request for public hearing due: 3/14/99	Secondary treatment of wastewater at flow of 0.5 MGD with discharge to Pacific Ocean.
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, UIC Permit	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, UH-2039	75-230 Kalani St., Kailua-Kona, Hawaii	Comments due: n/a	Construction of 3 drywells for surface drainage.
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, UIC Permit	The Royal Waikoloa (RWH), UH-1997	69-275 Waikoloa Beach Drive, South Kohala, Hawaii	Comments due: n/a	Permit modification of drywell, new owner.
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, UIC Permit	Alohi Kai Corporation, UH-2040	Alohi Kai Subdivision, 77-6370 Alii Drive, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii	Comments due:	Construction of one drywell for surface drainage.
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, UIC Permit	Coconut Grove Partners, UH-2041	Coconut Grove Market Place, 75-5800 Block of Alii Drive, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii	Comments due:	Construction of two drywells for surface drainage.
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, UIC Permit	Association of Apartment Owners, UH-2038	Ala Kala Condominiums, 75-6150 Alii Drive, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii	Comments due:	Register one sewage disposal well.
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, UIC Permit	State of Hawaii, Dept. of Accounting & Gen. Svcs., UH-TBA	Kealakehe High School, 3rd Increment, 74-5000 Puohuluhuli Street, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii	Comments due: n/a	Abandonment of one drywell for surface drainage.
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, UIC Permit	State of Hawaii, Dept. of Accounting & Gen. Svcs., UH-TBA	Kealakehe High School, 3rd Increment, 74-5000 Puohuluhuli Street, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii	Comments due:	Construction of 5 drywells for surface drainage.
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, UIC Permit	Association of Apartment Owners, UM-1864	Maalaea Mermaid Condominium, 20 Hauoli Street, Wailuku, Maui	Comments due: n/a	Permit renewal for two sewage disposal wells.
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, UIC Permit	Attraction Hawaii, UO-2037	Sea Life Park Hawaii 1987 Restroom Cesspool, 41-202 Kalaniana'ole Hwy., Waimanalo, O'ahu	Comments due: n/a	Register one sewage disposal well.
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, UIC Permit	Estate of James Campbell, UO-1457	Kahuku Aquaculture Park, Marconi Road, Kahuku, O'ahu	Comments due: n/a	Permit renewal of 6 disposal wells, inactive use.



## Experimental Use Permit for a Transgenic Plant Pesticide

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced the receipt of an application (EUP No. 68467-EUP-E) from Mycogen Corporation, 5501 Oberlin Drive, San Diego, California 92121, requesting a crop destruct experimental use permit for a transgenic plant pesticide. The proposed experiment involves the field testing of the transgenic plant pesticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* delta endotoxin as produced in corn by a cry1F gene and its controlling sequences as found on plasmid insert PHI8999. The primary insect pest is the European corn borer. Field testing will include the use of no more than a total of 1,596 acres in Hawai'i and various other states. Because EPA has determined that the application may have regional and national significance, it is soliciting public comments on this application. Written comments must be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 12, 1999**. For further information, contact Mr. Mike Mendelsohn at EPA in Washington D.C. at (703) 308-8715 or by email at mendelsohn.mike@epa.gov (see, 64 F.R. 6652, February 10, 1999 for more).

## Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

In a February 10, 1999, *Federal Register* notice, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation announced its February 12, 1999, meeting in Honolulu at the University of Phoenix Honolulu Campus, 828 Fort Street Mall. For more information on what transpired at this meeting, write to the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., #809, Washington, D.C. 20004 (see, 64 F.R. 6604, February 10, 1999).

## Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

The U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) announced that the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program will be offering technical assistance through a cooperative agreement with the Community Work Day program. The RTCA program helps community organizations to protect rivers, streams and open space, establish trails and greenways, and enhance these communities' quality of life and connection to their natural and cultural heritage. In 1999, RTCA is providing assistance to five Hawai'i projects - the Alliance for the Heritage of East Maui, Honouliuli Preserve Master Plan (O'ahu), the Kalihi

Valley Watershed Project (O'ahu), the Ke Ala Loa O Maui Trail, and the South Maui Heritage Corridor. RTCA is particularly interested in expanding its services to other islands. To reach RTCA Hawai'i, please write to Helen Felsing, RTCA Hawai'i, P.O. Box 959, Suite 921, Kihei, Hawai'i 96753, or call (808) 891-2653, or fax (808) 879-7652. More information can be found on the Internet at [www.nps.gov/pwro/rtca/](http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rtca/). Details on the project application process will be available in late spring (L6016PGSO-PP, February 3, 1999, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service).

## Fishery Meetings

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold separate meetings of its Ecosystem and Habitat Advisory Panel (EHAP) and its Coral Reef Ecosystem Plan Team (CREPT) in Honolulu. EHAP will meet on **FEBRUARY 22, 1999**, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and on **FEBRUARY 23, 1999**, from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. CREPT will meet on **FEBRUARY 24-26, 1999**, from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. each day. Both meetings will be held at the Council's conference room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu. For more information, call (808) 522-8220 (see also, 64 F.R. 6049, February 8, 1999).

## Rule on Whole Effluent Toxicity - Corrections

In 1995, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) amended the "*Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants*" to add whole effluent toxicity testing methods to the list of EPA-approved methods (see, 40 C.F.R. 136). This "WET Rule" amended the existing regulations by adding methods that employ standardized freshwater, marine, and estuarine vertebrates, invertebrates and plants to directly measure the acute and short-term chronic toxicity of effluents and receiving waters. The 1995 rule and the aquatic toxicity test manuals contained various minor errors and EPA has issued corrections to the WET Rule, effective **MARCH 4, 1999** (see, 64 F.R. 4975, February 2, 1999, for details).

