



The Environmental Notice

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The Environmental Notice provides public notice for projects undergoing environmental review in Hawai'i as mandated under Section 343-3, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, the Environmental Impact Statement Law. Along with publishing Environmental Assessments (EAs) and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for projects in Hawai'i. The Environmental Notice also includes other items related to the shoreline, coastal zone, and federal activities.



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photo from the [project's Draft EA](#)

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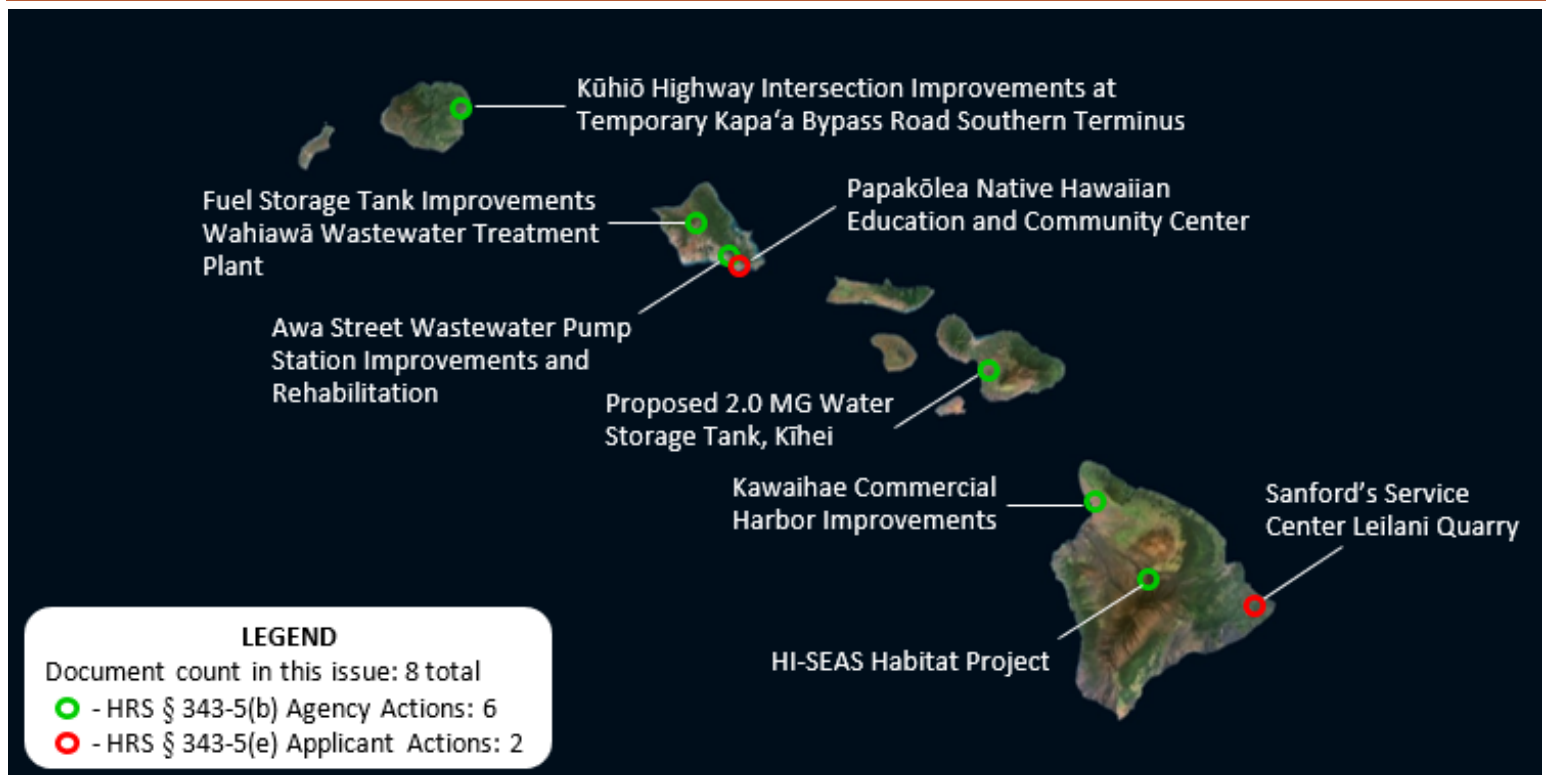
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The EAC is still seeking new members. To learn more about the work of the EAC, visit their [webpage](#). To apply to be on the EAC, submit this [online application](#) under Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism - Environmental Advisory Council.
- Documents submitted **must not fail the Adobe Accessibility Checker to be eligible for publication** (we currently check all 32 of 32 options of the Adobe Accessibility Checker). Our website has an [accessibility page](#) with further information.

STATEWIDE MAP OF EA/EIS DOCUMENTS AND DETERMINATIONS



HAWAI‘I EAS/EISS

Kawaihae Commercial Harbor Improvements – Draft EA (AFNSI)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
District(s)	South Kohala
TMK(s)	(3) 6-1-003: 044; (3) 6-1-003: 046; (3) 6-1-003: 047; (3) 6-1-003: 048; (3) 6-1-003: 049; (3) 6-1-003: 053; (3) 6-1-003: 054; (3) 6-1-003: 023; (3) 6-1-003: 026; (3) 6-1-003: 028; (3) 6-1-003: 050; (3) 6-1-003: 024; (3) 6-1-003: 063; (3) 6-1-003: 057; (3) 6-1-003: 032; (3) 6-1-003: 034; (3) 6-1-003: 036; (3) 6-1-003: 037; (3) 6-1-003: 038; (3) 6-1-003: 039; (3) 6-1-003: 041; (3) 6-1-003: 062; (3) 6-1-003: 061; (3) 6-1-003: 059; (3) 6-1-003: 033; (3) 6-1-003: 052; (3) 6-1-003: 055; (3) 6-1-003: 058; (3) 6-1-003: 064; (3) 6-1-003: 999; (3) 6-1-002: 999
Permit(s)	Other required permits and approvals Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act consultation; Section 7, Endangered Species Act (ESA); State Historic Preservation Review (HRS Chapter 6E); CWA Water Quality Certification, CWA Section 401, Blanket Certification; Clean Water Act, Section 402 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit; Air Quality Permit; Community Noise Permit; HRS Section 103-50 (Disability and Communication Access Board Review)
Proposing/ Determining Agency	State of Hawai‘i, Department of Transportation, Harbors (HDOT-HAR) Celia Shen, (808) 587-2013, celia.y.shen@hawaii.gov 79 S. Nimitz Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813
Consultant	HDR, Inc.; 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 400, Honolulu, HI 96813 Noelle Besa Wright, (808) 697-6297, noelle.wright@hdrinc.com
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by May 26, 2026. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to kawaihae@hdrinc.com .

The State of Hawai‘i Department of Transportation, Harbors (HDOT-HAR) proposes improvements to Kawaihae Commercial Harbor consisting of the widening of Kawaihae Road (Hawai‘i Route 270) and various cargo yard improvements. The purpose of the project is to improve operating conditions and efficiencies within the cargo terminal, as well as reduce existing traffic congestion along Kawaihae Road associated with harbor operations. The Kawaihae Road widening will include construction of a northbound dedicated left turn and storage lane at the harbor main gate and associated improvements. Cargo yard improvements include reconstructing portions of the yard by replacing existing asphalt and paving unpaved areas with reinforced concrete; upgrading security lighting by replacing selected existing 40 foot light poles and fixtures with 80 foot-tall poles and fully shielded, energy efficient LED lighting; installing lighting and a fire suppression system in the Annex and Expanded yards; relocating the HDOT HAR District office and maintenance shed by renovating an existing warehouse for office use, with associated site improvements; and installing conduits and raised transformer pads for future upgrades.

HI-SEAS Habitat Project – Draft EA (AFNSI)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds (2) Propose any use within any land classified as a conservation district
District(s)	North Hilo
TMK(s)	(3) 3-8-001:001
Permit(s)	State Forest Reserve Special Use Permit
Proposing/ Determining Agency	State of Hawai‘i, University of Hawai‘i Kim Binsted, (808) 398-1300, binsted@hawaii.edu Campus Road, Box 368, Honolulu, HI 96822
Consultant	Geometrician Associates; 10 Hina Street, Hilo, HI 96720 Ron Terry, (808) 987-5239, hiloronterry@gmail.com
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by May 26, 2026. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to binsted@hawaii.edu .

The University of Hawai‘i with support from NASA seeks to resume research at an analog habitat site at the 8,090-ft elevation on Mauna Loa. The 0.5-acre site is on State Conservation District land at a previously graded and quarried area of a cinder cone that resembles the surface of Mars. Operations from 2013-2024 built a portable 900-sf structure similar to one that might be built on Mars. Research focused on operational and psychological issues that astronauts will experience as they explore the solar system. A crew of researchers lived in the habitat for months at a time, where mission length, distance from Earth, the size and functionality of the living space, communication delays and latency, and the characteristics of in-flight and surface extravehicular activities were simulated. New proposed features include a 1,000-gallon propane tank to supplement solar power as necessary, modular plant-growth chambers for food and oxygen production, and a low solar angle illumination set-up to simulate lunar conditions for 1- to 3-hour night missions up to 12 times a year.

HAWAII EAS/EISs (CONTINUED)

[Sanford's Service Center Leilani Quarry – Draft EIS, 2025-01-20 Scoping Meeting Video, 2025-01-20 Scoping Meeting Transcript, 2025-03-03 Scoping Meeting Video, and 2025-03-03 Scoping Meeting Transcript](#)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(7) Propose any reclassification of any land classified as a conservation district
District(s)	Puna
TMK(s)	(1)-3-009:005
Permit(s)	State Land Use District Boundary Amendment (Conservation to Agriculture); Special Use Permit; Special Permit; General Plan Amendment
Approving Agency	State of Hawai'i, Land Use Commission Daniel Orodener, (808) 587-3822, Daniel.E.Orodener@hawaii.gov P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96804-2359
Applicant	Sanford's Service Center; P.O. Box 1321, Pāhoa, Hawai'i 96778 Sanford Iwata, (808) 965-8144, Sansinc.kim@hawaiiantel.net
Consultant	G70; 111 S. King St., Suite 170, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 Mark Kawika McKeague, (808) 523-5866, LeilaniQuarryProject@g70.design
Status	Statutory 45-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by June 8, 2026. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to LeilaniQuarryProject@g70.design .

Sanford's Service Center, Inc. (Applicant), in coordination with the property owner, Kamehameha Schools, is seeking to amend the Land Use District boundaries of certain lands consisting of approximately 83.1 acres of Tax Map Key No. (3) 1-3-009:005 situated at Kauaea, Puna, Island and County of Hawai'i, State of Hawai'i (Petition Area) from the State Land Use Conservation District (Limited Subzone) to the State Land Use Agricultural District. The Applicant is presently conducting cinder mining and quarrying activities on a 30-acre portion of the Petition Area pursuant to non-conforming Conservation District Use Permits issued by the Board of Land and Natural Resources on April 7, 2008. If the Land Use District Boundary Amendment is granted, the Applicant's intent is to apply for a Special Permit with the Land Use Commission to expand their activities over a 73.075-acre portion of the Petition Area. The remaining 21.033-acre portion of the Petition Area will be buffer area.

MAUI EAS/EISs

[Proposed 2.0 MG Water Storage Tank, Kihei – Draft EA \(AFNSI\)](#)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
District(s)	Wailuku
TMK(s)	(2) 2-2-002:084; (2) 2-2-002:086
Permit(s)	Please refer to Draft EA Chapter VIII, "List of Permits and Approvals"
Proposing/ Determining Agency	County of Maui, Department of Water Supply James Jensen, (808) 270-7816, james.jensen@co.maui.hi.us 200 South High Street, Kalana O Maui Building, 5th Floor, Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793
Consultant	Munekiyo Hiraga; 305 High Street, Suite 104, Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793 Finn Gibson, (808) 244-2015, planning@munekiyohiraga.com
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by May 26, 2026. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to planning@munekiyohiraga.com .

The County of Maui, Department of Water Supply (DWS) proposes to develop a two (2) million-gallon (MG) potable water storage tank for integration into the County of Maui's drinking water system. The proposed 2.0 MG Water Storage Tank project includes construction of the new water storage tank, its associated appurtenances, and supporting infrastructure. The project will include clearing, grubbing, and grading, as well as the installation of waterlines, drainage, and electrical utilities, fire hydrants, and roadway access improvements. The purpose of the project is to increase redundancy, improve resiliency, and enhance reliability of the potable water storage infrastructure in Kihei. The project does not increase source or transmission capacity.

KAUA‘I EAS/EISS

Kūhiō Highway Intersection Improvements at Temporary Kapa‘a Bypass Road Southern Terminus – Draft EA (AFNSI)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
District(s)	Kawaihau
TMK(s)	(4) 4-3-010:001, (4) 4-3-010:005, Roadway Right-of-Way (ROW) for Kūhiō Highway, Papaloa Road, and Kapa‘a Bypass Road [(4) 4-3-001:999; (4) 4-3-002:999; and (4) 4-3-010:999]
Permit(s)	Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation (with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service); Essential Fish Habitat Consultation; Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form; CZM Federal Consistency Review; National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit; HRS Chapter 6E Historic Preservation Review; Noise Permit and Noise Variance; and County of Kauai Department of Public Works Grading, Grubbing, and Stockpiling Permit.
Proposing/ Determining Agency	State of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i Department of Transportation Joel Bautista, (808) 241-3015, joel.o.bautista@hawaii.gov 1720 Haleukana Street, Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Consultant	WSP USA; 1001 Bishop Street Suite 2400, Honolulu, HI 96813 Dennis Silva Jr., (808) 566-2274, KuhioKapaalIntersection@wsp.com
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by May 26, 2026. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to KuhioKapaalIntersection@wsp.com .

The Hawai‘i Department of Transportation (HDOT) proposes to realign the southern terminus of Kapa‘a Bypass Road at Kūhiō Highway with the existing intersection of Kūhiō Highway and Papaloa Road. The realignment would consolidate the two existing T- intersections into a single full-access intersection. In addition to consolidating the intersections, the realignment would provide the opportunity to allow left turns from Papaloa Road onto Kūhiō Highway. Installation of approximately 30-foot tall, safety standard-compliant highway lights is also proposed as a part of this project. The purpose of these intersection improvements is to improve roadway safety and intersection operations in the area.

O‘AHU EAS/EISS

Awa Street Wastewater Pump Station Improvements and Rehabilitation – Final EA (FONSI)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
District(s)	Honolulu
TMK(s)	(1) 1-5-040:003
Permit(s)	None
Proposing/ Determining Agency	City and County of Honolulu, Department of Environmental Services Audrey Uyema Pak, (808) 768-8766, audrey.uyemapak@honolulu.gov 1000 Uluohia Street, Suite 308, Kapolei, HI 96707
Consultant	Townscape, Inc.; 900 Fort Street Mall, Suite 1160, Honolulu, HI 96813 Aaron Teper, (808) 550-3893, aaron@townscapeinc.com
Status	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination

The Awa Street Wastewater Pump Station Improvements and Rehabilitation is a proposed project led by the City and County of Honolulu’s Department of Environmental Services Division of Wastewater Engineering and Construction. The project aims to address aging infrastructure, environmental vulnerabilities, and regulatory compliance for the WWPS facility. The primary goals of the project are to: improve capacity and functionality to meet current and projected sewer flow demands; address structural degradation caused by aging infrastructure; and enhance resilience to threats from sea level rise, tsunamis, and hurricanes.

External site improvements include repaving driveways, replacing fences and lighting, hardening entryways to mitigate water intrusion, and reinforcing the concrete foundation. Internal improvements consist of replacing four sewage pumps, relocating essential infrastructure above projected inundation levels, and rehabilitating aging infrastructure. Additionally, the project plans to enhance emergency generator operations by demolishing and rebuilding the existing facility and replacing the underground fuel storage tank with an aboveground tank.

O‘AHU EAS/EISS (CONTINUED)

Fuel Storage Tank Improvements Wahiawā Wastewater Treatment Plant – Draft EA (AFNSI)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
District(s)	Wahiawā
TMK(s)	(1) 7-3-007:002
Permit(s)	None
Proposing/Determining Agency	City and County of Honolulu, Department of Environmental Services Audrey Uyema Pak, (808) 768-8766, audrey.uyemapak@honolulu.gov 1000 Uluohia Street, Suite 308, Kapolei, HI 96707
Consultant	Townscape, Inc.; 900 Fort Street Mall, Suite 1160, Honolulu, HI 96813 Gabrielle Sham, (808) 536-6999, Gabrielle@townscapeinc.com
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by May 26, 2026. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to comments@townscapeinc.com .

The Wahiawā Wastewater Treatment Plant has an underground storage tank that supplies fuel to a standby generator. The generator automatically activates during a power outage and provides electricity for the treatment plant, including the influent pumps, support equipment, HVAC, and lighting. To comply with current fuel storage regulations and strengthen environmental protection, the City Department of Environmental Services, Division of Wastewater Engineering and Construction, is proposing to replace the existing 6,000-gallon underground fuel storage tank with a new 6,000-gallon aboveground tank. The project also includes replacing the underground fuel piping, fuel monitoring panel, associated sensors, and connecting the new fuel monitoring panel to the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system.

Papakōlea Native Hawaiian Education and Community Center – Draft EA (AFNSI)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
District(s)	Honolulu
TMK(s)	(1) 2-2-005:035
Permit(s)	Various, see Section 2.5
Approving Agency	State of Hawai‘i, Hawaiian Homes Commission Kialoa Mossman, (808) 730-0345, kialoa.k.mossman@hawaii.gov 91-5420 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, HI 96707
Applicant	Papakōlea Community Development Corporation; 2150 Tantalus Dr, Honolulu, HI 96813 Lilia Kapuniai, (808) 520-8998, lilia@papakolea.org
Consultant	G70; 111 S King St., Suite 170, Honolulu, HI 96813 Mark Kawika McKeague, (808) 523-5866, papakolea_nhecc@g70.design
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by May 26, 2026. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to papakolea_nhecc@g70.design .

The Papakōlea Community Development Corporation is planning to establish the Native Hawaiian Education and Community Center (NHECC), a dedicated facility and space that will meet the cultural, educational, and community service needs of the Papakōlea, Kalāwahine, and Kewalo Hawaiian homestead communities as well as serve the broader Hawaiian archipelago. Hawaiian culture, language, and educational opportunity are the foundational pillars for Papakōlea, yet the existing Papakōlea Community Park and Center is unable to accommodate the growing demand for programs and services. The NHECC is intended to serve as the piko of the Papakōlea community, providing purpose-built educational and cultural spaces that meet the specific needs of program participants, instructors, cultural practitioners, youth, kūpuna, and staff. As an integrated learning environment, the NHECC will foster the transfer of knowledge across generations, reinforce cultural values, and serve as a central place where community members can gather, learn, create, and strengthen their relationships with one another and the land.

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OPEN FOR COMMENT

Status: The comment period for these projects began in a previous issue. Please click on the links below to read a document, then send comments to the relevant agency and copy any relevant applicant and/or consultant identified in the submission form that follows the initial agency letter.

COMMENTS DUE MAY 7, 2026

Maui

[Ho‘onani Village Mixed-Use Development – Draft EIS Vol I, Vol II, Vol III, and Scoping Meeting Audio](#)

COMMENTS DUE MAY 8, 2026

KAUA‘I

[Kauikapono Public Charter School Master Plan Update and Pre-Kindergarten Facility – Draft EA \(AFNSI\)](#)

EXEMPTION LIST CONCURRENCE

Pursuant to [HAR § 11-200.1-16](#), the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) has reviewed and concurred upon the following agency exemption lists, which are guidance documents for the referenced agency’s use in considering the propriety of a specific exemption. The listed types of actions may be exempt from the requirement to prepare an EA or EIS. The EAC’s date of concurrence is posted on the list. Click on the link to view or download the list.

[County of Hawai‘i, Department of Water Supply \(April 14, 2026\)](#)

[State of Hawai‘i, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation \(April 14, 2026\)](#)

EXEMPTION NOTICES

The following agencies have declared certain actions exempt from the requirement to prepare an EA pursuant to [HAR § 11-200.1-16](#), and have voluntarily submitted the Exemption Notices for publication:

State of Hawai‘i, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

[Women's Community Correctional Center - New Kitchen Facility Project](#)

The Proposed Project would result in the construction of a new, standalone kitchen facility at Women's Community Correctional Center. The new kitchen facility will provide approximately 13,000 square feet of space for kitchen activities, including food storage and preparation spaces. Additional project-related activities would include ancillary improvements in support of the new kitchen facility, including a new secured-access driveway, new security fencing, and other appurtenant structures at the WCCC facility.

State of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i Housing & Finance Development Corporation

[Waikoloa Village Affordable Apartments](#)

Lincoln Avenue Communities (Applicant) proposes to build an affordable rental project at a vacant parcel at the intersection of Waikoloa Road and Quarry Road in the Waikoloa Village area, District of South Kohala, Hawaii Island (Project Site). The Project will include seven four-story residential structures, offering a total of 329 multifamily rental units. Additionally, the Project will provide 423 parking stalls. Amenities for residents will feature a clubhouse, a swimming pool, a playground area, and landscaping with stone garden walls and planted areas.

After careful analysis outlined in the attachment, HHFDC has evaluated the Project’s primary, secondary, and cumulative impacts, and concluded that it is not anticipated to have significant environmental effects.

SHORELINE NOTICES

APPLICATIONS FOR SHORELINE CERTIFICATION

The shoreline certification applications below are available for review and comment at the Department of Land and Natural Resources offices on Kaua’i, Hawai’i, Maui, or on Oahu at 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220 ([HRS § 205A-42](#) and [HAR § 13- 222-12](#)). **Maps and photos of each application file can be viewed [here](#).** 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 15 calendar days from the date of this public notice of the application. For more information, contact Barry Cheung at barry.w.cheung@hawaii.gov.

File No.	Location	ZIP Code	TMK	Applicant	Owner
OA-2180	85-601 Farrington Hwy	96792	(1) 8-5-002:049	Ailana Surveying & Geomatics	City & County of Honolulu
OA-2181	Malakole Street	96761	(1) 9-1-014:002, (1) 9-1-074:054	R.M. Towill Corporation	Kapolei Properties, LLC, Kapolei Infrastructure LLC
OA-2182	51-382 Kamehameha Hwy	96730	(1) 5-1-010:024	Gil P. Bumanglag	Ireneo C. Viernes, Jr & B. Viernes
MA-868	Piilani Highway	96713	(2) 1-8-001:004	Austin Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc.	Haleakala Ranch Company

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT NOTICES

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REVIEWS

The following federal action is being reviewed for consistency with the enforceable policies of the Hawai’i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program, including [the CZM objectives and policies in Hawai’i Revised Statutes, Chapter 205A](#). Federal consistency, pursuant to Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, generally requires that federal actions, within and outside of the coastal zone, which have reasonably foreseeable effects on any coastal use (land or water) or natural resource of the coastal zone be consistent with the enforceable policies of a state’s federally approved coastal management program. Federal actions include federal agency activities, federal license or permit activities, and federal financial assistance activities. This public notice is being provided in accordance with § 306(d)(14) of the CZMA, and federal regulations at 15 CFR § 930.2, § 930.42, and § 930.61. General information about federal consistency is available at the [Hawai’i CZM Program website](#), or call (808) 587-2878.

For specific information or questions about an action listed below, contact the CZM staff person identified for each action. The CZM Program is required to adhere to federal review deadlines, therefore, comments must be received by the date specified. Comments may be submitted by mail or electronic mail, to the addresses below.

*Mail: Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, HI 96804*

Email: Debra.L.Mendes@hawaii.gov

Kalaeloa Hybrid-Reef Prototype Project, O’ahu

Proposed Action: The U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), through its Reefense Program, proposes to develop a prototype hybrid reef system to attenuate wave energy. The reef-mimicking structures (RMSs) are engineered to replicate the function of a fringing reef and include two types of base structures representing the reef crest and the back reef/reef flat. The project site is offshore of Campbell Industrial Park near Kalaeloa Beach, O’ahu, and replaces the originally proposed location at Ulupa’u (Fort Hase), Marine Corps Base Hawai’i.

Up to 61 RMS units would be placed on the seafloor. Each RMS would be constructed of concrete reinforced with glass fiber and stainless steel strands. Habitat structures would be attached to support recruitment of coral, sessile invertebrates (e.g., sponges, tunicates, oysters), and herbivorous reef fish. Two control and three treatment RMSs would be deployed in water depths of 6.5 to 13 feet. Each RMS would measure 19.6 inches in diameter, 9.8 inches in height, weigh no more than 50 pounds, and contain an internal cave system.

Additional project information is available in the *Kalaeloa Reef Laboratory Project Final Environmental Assessment* (February 2026): https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/Doc_Library/2026-02-23-OA-FEA-Kalaeloa-Hybrid-Reef-Project.pdf

Location: Offshore of Campbell Industrial Park near Kalaeloa Beach on Island of O’ahu

Federal Action: Federal Agency Activity

Federal Agency: U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

CZM Contact: Debra Mendes, (808) 587-2840, Debra.L.Mendes@hawaii.gov

Comments Due: May 7, 2026

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT NOTICES (CONTINUED)

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA (SMA) MINOR PERMITS

The SMA Minor permits below have been approved ([HRS § 205A-30](#)). For more information, contact the relevant county/state planning agency: Honolulu [(808) 768-8015]; Hawai'i [East (808) 961-8288], [West (808) 323-4770]; Kaua'i [(808) 241-4050]; Maui [(808) 270-7735]; Kaka'ako or Kalaeloa Community Development District [(808) 587-2846]

Location (TMK)	Description (File No.)	Applicant/Agent
Kaua'i: Kōloa (2-6-022: 013)	Construction of new solar photovoltaic ground mount system (SMA(M)-2026-21)	Chris Basler/ Nathan Wood General Contractor
O'ahu: Hau'ula (5-3-009: 056)	Construction of a new 1,619-square foot, two-level single-unit dwelling, 390-square foot covered lanai, two-space open carport and crawlspace on the ground level, exterior second-story staircase and landing area, all-weather driveway, individual wastewater system and associated residential landscaping (2025/SMA-108)	Samuel Kim/Planning Solutions, Inc. (Jim Hayes)
O'ahu: Waiialua (6-7-015: 010)	Construction of a new 150-square foot carport, 141-square foot lanai, 101-square foot stairway and landing area, and a 734-square foot Attached Dwelling Unit to an existing single-unit dwelling (2026/SMA-7)	Beau Nobmann/Armstrong Design Group LLC (David Miyasaki)

STATE NOTICE

**State of Hawai'i, Department of Health
HAR Chapter 11-58.1 Rules Amendment**

The State of Hawaii Department of Health will hold a public hearing for the proposed amendment of Hawaii Administrative Rules chapter 11-58.1, which regulates the management of solid waste. The proposed amendments update all portions of the chapter. Major proposed amendments align state regulations with updates to the US Environmental Protection Agency's federal municipal solid waste landfill (MSWLF) regulations, increase flexibility for small MSWLFs, revise siting restrictions for MSWLFs, add requirements for construction and demolition landfills and special waste landfills, add leachate control and closure requirements for all facilities that manage solid waste, require auto processing and salvaging to be conducted on an impervious surface, and update the solid waste permitting program.

The proposed amendments are posted online at <https://health.hawaii.gov/shwb/solid-waste/> and can be viewed at 2827 Waimano Home Rd #100 Pearl City, Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm (except state holidays). Copies will be mailed on request and payment of a 5 cent/page copy fee and postage; call 808-586-4226 to request.

The public hearing will be at 9am on May 14, 2026 at the State Lab auditorium, 2725 Waimano Home Rd Pearl City. All interested parties may attend and present relevant information, comments, and opinions, including but not limited to the ways in which the proposed amendments may impair or otherwise impact Native Hawaiian rights, traditions, and practices. To request an auxiliary aid or service (e.g. ASL interpreter, large print), call Lauren at 808-586-4226 (voice/TDD) or e-mail lauren.cruz@doh.hawaii.gov as soon as possible to allow adequate time to fulfill your request.

Anyone unable to attend may send written comments to Attn: SW Rules 2827 Waimano Home Rd #100 Pearl City, HI 96782 or lauren.cruz@doh.hawaii.gov. **Submissions must be received by May 19.**

FEDERAL NOTICES

As a courtesy, listed below are some relevant entries from the Federal Register published since the last issue of *The Environmental Notice*. For more information, click on the title link, also available at www.federalregister.gov.

Notice: [Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act Guidance](#) (published by the Council on Environmental Quality on 04/13/2026)

On April 9, 2026, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued a memorandum to the heads of Federal departments and agencies (agencies) on establishing, revising, adopting, and applying categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This guidance replaces initial guidance on the same subject issued on December 6, 2010.

Notice: [Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Special Need Requests Under the Plant Protection Act](#) (published by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service on 04/20/2026)

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with the regulations to allow States to impose prohibitions or restrictions on specific articles in addition to those required by APHIS to help protect against the introduction and establishment of plant pests.

Notice: [The 51st Meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force](#) (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on 04/21/2026)

NOAA and the Department of the Interior (DOI) will hold the 51st meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF). NOAA and DOI will be accepting oral comments during the meeting; written comments may be submitted in advance using the information in the **ADDRESSES** section. **NOAA and DOI will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).**

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Agency Actions

Projects or programs proposed by any department, office, board, or commission of the state or county government which is part of the executive branch of that government per [HRS 343-2](#).

Applicant Actions

Projects or programs proposed by any person who, pursuant to statute, ordinance, or rule, requests approval for a proposed action per [HRS 343-2](#).

Draft Environmental Assessment

When an Agency or Applicant proposes an action that [triggers](#) HRS 343, an Environmental Assessment shall be prepared at the earliest practicable time to determine whether the action's environmental impact will be significant, and thus whether an environmental impact statement shall be required per [HRS 343-5\(b\)](#), for Agency actions and [HRS 343-5\(e\)](#), for Applicant actions. For actions for which the proposing or approving agency anticipates a Finding of No Significant Impact (AFNSI), a Draft EA (DEA) shall be made available for public review and comment for 30 days and public notice is published in this periodic bulletin.

Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The action's proponent shall respond in writing to comments on a DEA received during the 30-day review period and prepare a Final EA (FEA) that includes those responses to determine whether an environmental impact statement shall be required. If there are no significant impacts, then the Agency will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be required and the project has cleared HRS 343 requirements. The public has 30 days from the notice of a FONSI in this bulletin to challenge the FONSI in the Environmental Court and seek a ruling to require the preparation of an EIS.

Final Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice

An EIS shall be required if the Agency finds that the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment. The Agency shall file notice of such determination with OPSD called an EIS Preparation Notice (EISPN) along with the supporting Final EA. After the notice of the FEA-EISPN is published in this bulletin, the public has 30 days to request to become a consulted party and to make written comments. The public (including the Applicant) has 60 days from the notice of the EISPN in this bulletin to ask a court to not require the preparation of an EIS.

Act 172-2012, Direct-to-EIS, Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (with no EA)

Act 172 in 2012 amended HRS 343 by providing for an agency to bypass the preparation of an environmental assessment for various actions that in the experience of the agency would clearly require the preparation of an EIS. The agency must submit its determination that an EIS is required for an action (Act 172-2012, EISPN) with a completed publication form detailing the specifics of the action. This starts a 30-day scoping period in which the agency or applicant must hold a public scoping meeting for the preparation of the Draft EIS. Written comments and responses on the EISPN must be incorporated into the subsequent Draft EIS and oral comments from the public scoping meeting must be recorded and submitted to OPSD with the Draft EIS.

HEPA

While technically there is no "Hawai'i Environmental Policy Act," HRS 343 is often referred to by this term.

Act 312-2012, Secondary Actions in the Highway or Public Right of Way

Act 312-2012, amended HRS 343, by adding a new section ([HRS 343-5.5](#), entitled "Exception to applicability of chapter"). HEPA allows for a statutory exception for "secondary actions" (those that involve infrastructure in the highway or public right-of-way) provided that the permit or approval of the related "primary action" (those outside of the highway or public-right-of-way and on private property) is not subject to discretionary consent and further provided that the applicant for the primary action submits documentation from the appropriate agency confirming that no further discretionary approvals are required. An aid to understanding this is to visualize residential driveway improvements in the public right-of-way, versus, retail outlet driveway improvements in the public right-of-way.

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

After receiving the comments on the EISPN, the Agency or Applicant must prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The content requirements of the DEIS shall contain an explanation of the environmental consequences of the proposed action including the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts and their mitigation measures. The public has 45 days from the first publication date in this bulletin to comment on a DEIS.

Final Environmental Impact Statement

After considering all public comments filed during the DEIS stage, the Agency or Applicant must prepare a Final EIS (FEIS). The FEIS must respond in a point-by-point manner to all comments from the draft and must be included in the FEIS. For Applicant projects, the Approving Agency is the Accepting Authority and must make a determination within 30 days or the FEIS is deemed accepted as a matter of law. For an Agency project, the Governor or the Mayor (or their designated representative) is the Accepting Authority, and unlike applicant actions, there is no time limit on the accepting authority reviewing the FEIS. Only after the FEIS is accepted may the project be implemented.

Acceptability

The Accepting Authority must be satisfied that the FEIS meets three criteria (process, content, response to comments) to accept it. Whether the FEIS is accepted or not accepted, notice of the Acceptance Determination is published in this bulletin. The public has 60 days from publication to legally challenge the acceptance of a FEIS. For both Applicant and Agency actions, the Applicant or the proposing Agency can prepare a Revised DEIS after a non-acceptance determination.



Maui Sunset

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National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal projects to prepare a Federal EA or EIS. In many ways it is similar to Hawai'i's law. Some projects require both a State and Federal EIS and the public comment procedure should be coordinated. Upon request by a federal agency, OPSD publishes NEPA notices in this bulletin to help keep the public informed of important federal actions.

Conservation District

Proposed uses of land in the State Conservation District require a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA). These applications are reviewed and approved/denied by the Department or Board of Land and Natural Resources. Members of the public may intervene in the permit process. This bulletin will include EAs & EISs for actions proposed within the Conservation District.

Special Management Area and Shoreline Setback Area

The Special Management Area (SMA) is along the coastline of all islands; development in this area is generally regulated by [HRS 205A](#), and county ordinance. A portion of the SMA that is addressed by HRS 343 is the [Shoreline Area](#), which includes land between the State-certified shoreline and the county-determined shoreline setback line. This bulletin will include EAs & EISs for actions proposed within the Shoreline Setback Area. Some projects going through the SMA permit process on O'ahu are also required to go through an environmental review process that mirrors HRS 343; these "ROH Chapter 25" EAs/EISs are included in this bulletin.

Shoreline Certifications

State law requires that Hawai'i shorelines be surveyed and certified when necessary to clearly establish the shoreline setback from the certified shoreline. The public may participate in the process to help assure accurate regulatory boundaries. Private land owners often petition to have their shoreline certified by the State surveyor prior to construction. This bulletin publishes notice from the Department of Land and Natural Resources of shoreline certification applicants and final certifications or rejections.

Environmental Advisory Council

The [Environmental Advisory Council](#) is a 15-member citizen board appointed by the Governor. They serve as a liaison between the Director of OPSD and the general public concerning ecology and environmental quality. Agendas of their regular meetings are posted on the Internet and the public is invited to attend.

Agency Exemption Lists

Government agencies may keep a list describing the minor activities they regularly perform that are exempt from the environmental review process. These lists and any amendments shall be submitted to the Council for review and concurrence ([HAR 11-200.1-16](#)). This bulletin will publish an agency's draft exemption list for public comment prior to Council decision making, as well as notice of the Council's decision on the list.

Endangered Species

This bulletin is required by [HRS 343-3\(c\)](#), to publish notice of public comment periods or public hearings for Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP), Safe Harbor Agreements (SHA), or Incidental Take Licenses (ITL) under the federal Endangered Species Act, as well as availability for public inspection of a proposed HCP or SHA, or a proposed ITL (as a part of an HCP or SHA).