



10 August 2011

David K. Tanoue, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting
City & County of Honolulu
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Project File Number 2011/GEN-8
Waimanalo Gulch Landfill

Dear Sir,

I'm writing to you in regards to Reference No: 2011/GEN-8.

My name is Duke Hospodar and I am the Director of Resort Operations and its Aloha Team; we are tasked with risk management and safety at the Ko Olina Resort.

We understand that the City & County of Honolulu, Department of Planning & Permitting is currently reviewing Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill's application to delete the July 31, 2012 deadline for disposal of municipal solid waste and thereby allowing disposal until such site reaches capacity as allowed by the State Department of Health.

On behalf of our 52-member Aloha Team staff, and more importantly our resort community, we'd like to voice our strong opposition to any extension of the Waimanalo Landfill. The adverse effects of the landfill to our community have gone on far too long. My team is/has not only experienced the odors, noise, flying trash and dust that emanated from the ongoing operation of the landfill, but we have also been the central conduit of community complainants in regards to such.

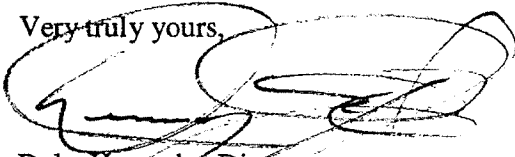
The day-to-day policing of the flying trash becomes tolerable, and the improvisation of facts extended to our guest inquiries regarding the airborne odors seems to part of the norm; but the events of 13 January 2011 were beyond our imagination. For over a month, I was required to put my team on the frontlines of disgust, as we attempted to mitigate the danger & impact to our public beachgoers, residents and hotel guests. Vials & bags of blood, syringes and medical waste that had breached the Waimanalo Gulch were so numerous along our shoreline that it took four (4) 20-foot bins to contain the waste. We experienced first hand what can happen when so called best operational practices go awry. Zoning and permitting a dump so close to our coastal waters is, in and of itself, a poorly thought-through action... extending and/or expanding this landfill knowing its record, the environment and developing landscape is not only irrational, but poses a real and potential health threat to humans, animals and sea life.

I do so hope and trust that our elected & appointed officials will have the courage and leadership to honor their word, or at the very least understand & accept that this community has honored and upheld its end of the deal and sustained unwarranted impact by continuous extensions.

If the closure of the dump had taken place when it was originally scheduled, this catastrophic breach would not have happened. Please do not allow this to happen again. Please honor the promise that the dump will close. Please do not delete the July 31, 2012 deadline for disposal of municipal solid waste

Thank you for your perusal and consideration of my testimony.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duke Hospodar", is written over a circular stamp. The signature is somewhat stylized and overlaps the stamp.

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