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Mr. David K. Tanoue, Director
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DEPT OF PLANNING
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CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

RE: Application to Amend Special Use Permit No. 2008/SUP-2

Dear Director Tanoue,

We are writing to express our opposition to deleting the July 31, 2012 deadline to cease disposal of municipal solid waste at Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill. We have already seen the previous deadline deleted even after we and many of our neighbors urged that it not be. Since then, we have watched the landfill get bigger and bigger. The communities on the Leeward side have experienced more and more environmental degradation (smells, dust, dirt, blowing trash bags), recent environmental health hazards (contamination from medical waste resulting in beach closings) and economic loss (devaluation of real estate directly related to the landfill's presence).

We have watched as the City and County have done little and then asked for extension after extension. An earlier mayor-appointed Task Force refused to identify another landfill site. Now Mayor Carlisle's new Task Force is falling further and further behind it's schedule in naming an alternate landfill site. We are appalled by the lack of political leadership evidenced by these delays and the lack of concern that those of us on the west side of Oahu are still living with a "temporary landfill" that opened 20 years ago.

We are not naïve. We understand that it takes about seven years to permit and develop a new site. But we ask that you to do the right thing and stand firm on closing the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill on July 31, 2012. And if you will not, then we urge you to work with other departments to set a firm deadline THAT CANNOT BE APPEALED IN THE FUTURE and attach deadlines to each step that is necessary for opening a new landfill as soon as possible. We further urge you, if it is at all within your power, to set significant fines along the way if any of those intermediate deadlines are not met. We are convinced that only if severe penalties are set with which any mayor must comply, will the Waimanalo Landfill be closed.

Sincerely,


William Barnes


Sara Barnes

Cc: Mayor Peter Carlisle, Councilman Tom Berg, Mr. Ken Williams

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