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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Wastewater Branch Standard Project Comments

TO: Agencies and Project Owners

FROM: JONATHAN NAGATO, P.E., CHIEF
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This memo is provided for your information and sharing. You are encouraged to share this memo with your project partners, team members, and appropriate personnel.

The Department of Health (DOH), Wastewater Branch (WWB) will no longer be responding directly to requests for comments on the following documents (Pre-consultation, Early Consultation, Preparation Notice, Draft, Final, Addendums, and/or Supplements), including but not limited to:

- Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)
- Environmental Assessments (EA)
- Conservation District Use Applications (CDUA)
- Special Management Area Permits (SMAP)
- Special Use Permit
- Shoreline Setback Areas (SSA)

For agencies or project owners requiring DOH-WWB comments for one or more of these documents, please utilize the DOH-WWB Standard Comments below regarding your project's responsibilities to maintain proper treatment and disposal of wastewater and any necessary permitting. DOH-WWB Standard Comments are also available on the DOH-WWB website located at: <http://health.hawaii.gov/wastewater/>.

DOH-WWB Standard Comments

The following information is for agencies and/or project owners who are seeking comments regarding environmental compliance for their projects with the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapter 11-62. You may be responsible for fulfilling additional requirements related to our program such as Board of Water Supply's pass and no-pass zones, Safe Drinking Water Branch's underground injection control program, etc.

1. As the project will be served by the City & County of Honolulu/ County/ Private sewer system, we have no objections to the project.
2. Per HAR, Ch. 11-62 section 11-62-05, all areas of the State are critical wastewater disposal areas. All wastewater systems must conform to applicable provisions of HAR, Ch. 11-62. We do reserve the right to review the detailed wastewater plans for conformance to applicable rules. Design plans should address any effect associated with the construction of and/or discharges from the wastewater systems to any public trust, Native Hawaiian resources or the exercise of traditional cultural practices.
3. Large Capacity Cesspools (LCC):

In 1999, EPA promulgated regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act's Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program required closure of all existing large capacity cesspools (LCC) by April 5, 2005. Under federal regulations, a large capacity cesspool is a cesspool which serves multiple residential units, serves a mixed use of a residential and non-residential activity, or for nonresidential facilities has the potential to serve 20 or more persons per day. Operation of a large capacity cesspool after this date is a violation of federal regulations and subject to enforcement and fines. If you have any questions about LCC, please contact the Region 9 LLC Coordinator at r9_lcc_coordinator@epa.gov.