

PUBLIC NOTICE
HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) LOAN PROGRAM
REAFFIRMATION OR MODIFICATION OF A PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FINAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND
RECORD OF DECISION (FEIS/ROD)
FOR
Honouliuli WWTP Solids Process Biogas Cleaning and Storage System
C150051-84
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
DOCKET NO. 22-WW-SRF-02

The City and County of Honolulu (CCH) Department of Environmental Services (ENV) has provided the State of Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) with a reaffirmation of a decision contained in the FEIS/ROD that was originally issued on March 28, 2017 for the above proposed project. The CCH-ENV recommends that the project qualifies for a reaffirmation of the previously issued FEIS/ROD in accordance with 40 CFR 35.3140(b)(3)(iii).

Project Description:

The FEIS anticipated the need to treat biogas produced by the Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant's (WWTP's) anaerobic digesters for use at a future on-site cogeneration plant for recovery of heat and power, for use as an alternative fuel for sludge drying operations, and for other potential beneficial uses. The 2010 Consent Decree (Civil No. 94--00765 DAE-KSC) between CCH, DOH, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), now referred to as the First Amended Consent Decree (FACD), requires CCH-ENV to meet certain requirements with respect to its wastewater collection system and WWTPs. In the FACD, ENV agreed to complete improvements to the Honouliuli WWTP which must be upgraded to fully meet secondary treatment standards by June 1, 2024. CCH-ENV, the proposing agency, has determined that the planned actions for the Honouliuli WWTP require the preparation of an EIS. The Final Environmental Assessment-EIS Preparation Notice (FEA-EISPN) submitted for this project and published in The Environmental Notice on July 23, 2010, examined potential impacts associated with proposed upgrades to and/or expansion of the Honouliuli major sewer conveyance system in addition to improvements at the Honouliuli WWTP itself. The FEA-EISPN predates the issuance of the FACD described above. Since the FEA-EISPN submittal, the focus of the Honouliuli Facility Plan was expanded to include the Honouliuli WWTP improvements necessary to comply with the FACD and meet the upgrade deadline of June 1, 2024. This FEIS includes the upgrade and expansion of the Honouliuli WWTP to provide secondary treatment and accommodate projected wastewater flows, as well as addresses the potential location of non-process facilities to accommodate future needs that will arise from upgrading the Honouliuli and Sand Island WWTPs to secondary treatment. CCH-ENV, as the accepting agency, has reviewed the effects of the proposed activities as well as the character of this project and determined that construction of the Honouliuli WWTP Solids Process Biogas Cleaning and Storage System is generally consistent with the 2017 FEIS and beneficial, and adverse environmental impacts evaluated therein continue to be as originally represented.

Based on the information and recommendation that was provided by the CCH-ENV, the DOH concurs with the CCH-ENV's recommendation and approves the reaffirmation of the FEIS/ROD, in accordance with Chapter 343 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 11-200 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules, 40 CFR §35.3140(b)(3)(ii). However, this decision may be reconsidered if a discovery of information concerning potential environmental impacts of the project occurs.

The documentation to support this decision will be on file at the DOH, Environmental Management Division, in Pearl City, Hawai'i, and is available for public review upon request.

This notice is hereby given on this 17th day of June, 2022, by authorization of Elizabeth A. Char, M.D., Director of Health.