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State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission  
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism  
P.O. Box 2359  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96804-2359

**Attention:** Mr. Daniel Orodener, Executive Officer

**Subject:** LUC Docket No. SP73-147, Courtesy Notification of The Former Palailai Landfill Cover Restoration Project, 92-402 Farrington Highway, Kapolei, Hawaii [TMK (1) 9-2-043:011].

Dear Mr. Orodener,

Grace Pacific LLC, as the stewards of the closed Palailai Landfill, would like to inform you of the planned grading activities known as the Palailai Landfill Cover Restoration Project. We recognize that the site is very visible from Kapolei and that the community may inquire about the activity, thus we are providing your agency this courtesy advance notification. The Site [TMK (1) 9-2-043:011], occupies approximately 81.43 acres and is located just north of the intersection of H-1 freeway, Farrington Highway, and Kalaeloa Boulevard. The purpose of the project is to minimize surface water ponding resulting from long-term settlement, to divert storm water runoff from the cover to perimeter surface water controls, to prevent erosion of the landfill cap, and provide long-term stable slope conditions. The grading activities are needed to restore/maintain the closed landfill and the Project is anticipated to commence in April 2016.

### **Background**

The Site was originally operated as a quarry by Pacific Concrete and Rock Company from 1950 through 1974. In 1974, the Site was converted to a municipal solid waste landfill. The Site operated as a municipal solid waste landfill until May 31, 1989, the date it was closed. The landfill was closed in accordance with permit requirements established by the DOH Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch [SHWB] and contractual obligations to Campbell Estate, the landowner. During the closure, the landfill was capped with 18-inches of compacted quarry overburden soil and coral fines, a 20-mil polyvinyl chloride (PVC) membrane, and another 18-inches of compacted quarry overburden soil and coral fines. It was then seeded with grass to prevent erosion.

In 2006, DOH oversight was transferred from the SHWB to the Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (HEER) Office. The DOH HEER Office is currently responsible for overseeing the post-closure landfill maintenance and monitoring conducted at the Site.

# Grace Pacific LLC

## **Compliance with LUC Docket No. SP73-147**

The Conditional Use Permit's condition 2 states "The applicant shall comply with all requirements which may be imposed by the State Department of Health, Board of Water Supply, State Fire Marshall, and the Department of Public Works." As stated above, the DOH HEER office is currently responsible for overseeing the closed Palailai Landfill. Grace Pacific LLC has been in frequent communication with the DOH HEER office during the development of this Project and will review the Work Plan prior to the start of the grading activities. The planned grading is a maintenance activity voluntarily conducted by Grace Pacific LLC for the long-term benefit of the former Palailai Landfill and the community.

This project will comply with all other applicable regulatory requirements, including the City and County of Honolulu Grading Ordinance, and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for discharges of storm water associated with construction activities.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or require additional information, please contact Jodie Cordero at (808) 203-2801 or [jcordero@gracepacific.com](mailto:jcordero@gracepacific.com).

Sincerely,



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