August 16, 2011

Raymond Young
Department of Planning and Permitting
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

Re: Project File Number 2011/GEN-8
Amendment of Special Use Permit No. 2008/SUP-2
Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill, Island of O‘ahu

Aloha e Raymond Young,

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is in receipt of your July 13, 2011 letter seeking comments on a request by the City and County of Honolulu-Department of Environmental Services (DES) to amend Special Use Permit No. 2008/SUP-2 (permit). The requested amendment will delete the existing July 31, 2012 deadline (deadline) to cease disposal of municipal solid waste (waste) at Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill (WGSL), allowing the disposal of waste to continue until the WGSL reaches capacity. It is believed the recent expansion of the WGSL from 96 acres to nearly 200 acres would allow the disposal of waste to continue for the next fifteen (15) years.

The deadline to close the WGSL for all material (except ash and residue left over from the conversion of trash to energy via the “H-Power” process) was imposed by the State Land Use Commission (LUC) in 2009. If approved by the City and County of Honolulu-Department of Permitting and Planning (DPP), the amended permit will be transmitted to the City and County of Honolulu Planning Commission (planning Commission) for consideration. If approved by the Planning Commission, the amended permit will then be submitted back to the LUC for consideration.

It is our understanding that the original permit which was approved by the Planning Commission and submitted to the LUC in 2009 did not establish a deadline to cease disposal of waste at the WGSL. Following the establishment of the July 31, 2012 deadline and approval of the permit by the LUC, the DES made it clear that they intended to request an amendment to the approved permit because the WGSL is the only permitted municipal solid waste landfill on the Island of O‘ahu.
Long-standing concerns regarding the continued use of the WGSL have been consistently expressed by certain businesses and the Leeward O'ahu community, which includes a large Native Hawaiian population. These concerns were highlighted in September 2010 when a severe storm event (event) caused the release of an unknown amount of trash, including medical waste from the WGSL into near shore waters and onto Leeward O'ahu beaches. This event forced the temporary closure of the WGSL and resulted in a U.S. Environmental Protection order that implemented certain deadlines for the completion of protection measures to prevent the release of trash in the future. The temporary closure of the WGSL caused "backup crises" at wastewater treatment facilities and municipal solid waste transfer stations around the Island of O'ahu.

While OHA recognizes the spectrum of concerns which have been expressed by the Leeward O'ahu community regarding the continued disposal of waste at the WGSL, we also recognize that the closure of the WGSL to waste disposal would affect the entire Island of O'ahu because the WGSL is the only landfill disposal option available to the DES at this time.

A Landfill Site Advisory Committee (committee) has been established to assist the City and County of Honolulu in identifying criteria and ranking alternative landfill sites. The committee met for the first time in January 2011. Once an alternative landfill site is selected, the DES website reports that it will take up to seven years for the permitting and construction process for an alternative landfill site to be completed.

Efforts to reduce the amount of waste disposed of at the WGSL are currently underway. These efforts include but are not necessarily limited to:

- the anticipated completion of a third boiler at the H-Power Facility in mid-2012;
- recycling and "reuse" programs; and
- shipping waste to the continental United States for landfill disposal.

OHA applauds the commitment of committee members and we hope that the DES will continue to support their efforts to identify an alternative landfill site on the Island of O'ahu. The issues and concerns relative to the continued disposal of waste at the WGSL will affect our communities for generations to come and we will continue to monitor the amended permit should it move forward from the DPP to the Planning Commission and LUC for consideration. We have no additional comments at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Keola Lindsey at 594-0244 or keolal@oha.org.

'O wau iho nō me ka 'oia'i'o,

Clyde W. Nāmu'o
Chief Executive Officer

CWN:kl
Raymond,

From our conversation today, I understand that the City wishes to change their land use permit such that the 2012 deadline limiting Waimanalo Gulch Landfill’s waste acceptance to only Hpower ash and residue is deleted. My understanding is that the City is only proposing that change, and that all other conditions will remain. With this understanding, I do not have any comments to offer you on the City’s application. Any concerns that we may have will be addressed through our regulatory oversight of their solid waste permit.

Lene Ichinotsubo
Hawaii Department of Health
Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch
919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Rm. 212
Honolulu, Hawaii  96814
(808) 586-4226
August 15, 2011

Department of Planning and Permitting
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Attention: Mr. Raymond Young

Dear Mr. Young:

SUBJECT: Application to Amend Special Use Permit No. 2008/SUP-2 to Delete Deadline for Accepting Municipal Solid Waste at Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill, Island of Oahu; TMK: (1) 9-2-003:072 and 073

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject matter. The Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) Land Division distributed or made available a copy of your report pertaining to the subject matter to DLNR Divisions for their review and comments.

At this time, enclosed are comments from (a) Engineering Division and (b) Division of Forestry & Wildlife on the subject matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Darlene Nakamura at 587-0417. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Russell Y. Tsuji
Land Administrator

Enclosures
MEMORANDUM

TO: D LnR Agencies:

x Div. of Aquatic Resources
x Div. of Boating & Ocean Recreation
x Engineering Division
x Div. of Forestry & Wildlife
x Div. of State Parks
x Commission on Water Resource Management
x Office of Conservation & Coastal Lands
x Land Division
x Historic Preservation

FROM: Charlene Unoki, Assistant Administrator

SUBJECT: Application to amend Special Use Permit No. 2008/SUP-2 to Delete Deadline for Accepting Municipal Solid Waste at Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill

LOCATION: Island of Oahu

APPLICANT: City & County of Honolulu, Department of Environmental Services

Transmitted for your review and comment on the above referenced document. We would appreciate your comments on this document. Please submit any comments by August 10, 2011.

Only 1 copy of the report available in Room 220.

If no response is received by this date, we will assume your agency has no comments. If you have any questions about this request, please contact my office at 587-0433. Thank you.

Attachments

( ) We have no objections.
( ) We have no comments.
( ) Comments are attached.

Signed: [Signature]
Date: 7/15/2011
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
ENGINEERING DIVISION

LD/Charlene Unoki
RE: Amend SUP Delete Deadline Accept Waste Waimanalo GSL
Oahu. 849

COMMENTS

( ) We confirm that the project site, according to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), is located in Flood Zone ___.
(X) Please take note that the project site, according to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), is located in Flood Zone D. The Flood Insurance Program does not have any regulations for developments within Flood Zone D.
( ) Please note that the correct Flood Zone Designation for the project site according to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is ____.
( ) Please note that the project must comply with the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) presented in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44CFR), whenever development within a Special Flood Hazard Area is undertaken. If there are any questions, please contact the State NFIP Coordinator, Ms. Carol Tyau-Beam, of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Engineering Division at (808) 587-0267.

Please be advised that 44CFR indicates the minimum standards set forth by the NFIP. Your Community’s local flood ordinance may prove to be more restrictive and thus take precedence over the minimum NFIP standards. If there are questions regarding the local flood ordinances, please contact the applicable County NFIP Coordinators below:

( ) Mr. Robert Sumitomo at (808) 768-8097 or Mr. Mario Siu Li at (808) 768-8098 of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting.
( ) Mr. Carter Romero at (808) 961-8943 of the County of Hawaii, Department of Public Works.
( ) Mr. Francis Cerizo at (808) 270-7771 of the County of Maui, Department of Planning.
( ) Ms. Wynne Ushigome at (808) 241-4890 of the County of Kauai, Department of Public Works.

( ) The applicant should include water demands and infrastructure required to meet project needs. Please note that projects within State lands requiring water service from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply system will be required to pay a resource development charge, in addition to Water Facilities Charges for transmission and daily storage.
( ) The applicant should provide the water demands and calculations to the Engineering Division so it can be included in the State Water Projects Plan Update.

( ) Additional Comments: ____________________________

(X) Other: We do not have any objections to the application to Amend Special Use Permit No. 2008/SUP-2 to delete deadline for accepting Municipal solid waste at Waimanalo Gulch sanitary landfill.

Should you have any questions, please call Ms. Suzie S. Agraan of the Planning Branch at 587-0258.

Signed: CARTY S. CHANG, CHIEF ENGINEER

Date: 1/2/11
MEMORANDUM

TO:  

- DLNR Agencies:  
  - x Div. of Aquatic Resources  
  - __ Div. of Boating & Ocean Recreation  
  - x Engineering Division  
  - x Div. of Forestry & Wildlife  
  - __ Div. of State Parks  
  - x Commission on Water Resource Management  
  - x Office of Conservation & Coastal Lands  
  - __ Land Division  
  - x Historic Preservation  

FROM:  
Charlene Unoki, Assistant Administrator  

SUBJECT:  
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(  ) Comments are attached.

Signed:  

Date:  

7-18-2011
TO: DAVID K. TANOUE, DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING

ATTN: RAYMOND YOUNG

FROM: DEAN A. NAKANO, ACTING MANAGER

SUBJECT: YOUR MEMORANDUM OF JULY 13, 2011 REGARDING  
APPLICATION TO AMEND SPECIAL USE PERMIT  
NO. 2008/SUP-2 TO DELETE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING  
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AT WAIMANALO GULCH SANITARY LANDFILL (2011/GEN-8) 92-460 FARRINGTON HIGHWAY, KAPOLEI, OAHU TAX MAP KEY: 9-2-3:72 AND 73

We have no objections to the application to amend the Special Use Permit to delete the deadline for accepting municipal solid waste at Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill. Existing and planned Board of Water Supply facilities will not be affected by the project.

If you have any questions, please contact George Kuo at 748-5941.
TO: DAVID K. TANOUE, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING

FROM: MELVIN N. KAKU, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO AMEND SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 2008/SUP-2 TO DELETE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AT WAIMANALO GULCH SANITARY LANDFILL

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management has determined there is no impact of this project on public facilities and services which are planned or provided by our department.

Should you have any questions, please call Deputy Director Mr. Peter Hirai at 723-8960 or e-mail phirai@honolulu.gov. Thank you for your continued support of public safety programs.
July 29, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: DAVID K. TANOUE, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING

FROM: COLLINS D. LAM, P.E. DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO AMEND SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 2008/SUP-2
TO DELETE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE
AT WAIMANALO GULCH SANITARY LANDFILL
926-462 FARRINGTON HIGHWAY, KAPOLEI, OAHU
TAX MAP KEY: 9-2-3: 72 AND 73

The Department of Design and Construction has no comments.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Should there be any
questions, please contact me at 768-8480.

CL: pg(425384)
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING
SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

**APPLICANT** : Department of Environmental Services, City and County of Honolulu

**LANDOWNER** : City and County of Honolulu

**REQUEST** : Amendment to Special Use Permit No. 2008/SUP-2 to delete the July 31, 2012 deadline to cease disposal of municipal solid waste at Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill, thereby allowing disposal of municipal solid waste until the site reaches capacity as allowed by the State Department of Health.

**LOCATION** : 92-460 Farrington Highway, Kapolei, Oahu, Hawaii

**TAX MAP KEY** : 9-2-3: 72 and 73

**LAND AREA** : Approximately 200 Acres

**DEVELOPMENT PLAN LAND USE MAP** : Agriculture and Preservation*

**PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE MAP** : Landfill

**EXISTING USE** : Landfill

**SURROUNDING LAND USE** : Hawaiian Electric Company Kahe Power Plant to the west, single-family dwellings and Ko Olina Resort to the south, vacant lands to the north and east.

* The Ewa Development Plan is in the process of being updated. Revisions to the Land Use Map involves re-designation of the subject lands to Preservation. (May 2011 version)

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

The Honolulu Police Department has no comments to offer at this time.

If there are any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Major Raymond Ancheta of District 8 (Kapolei) at 723-8488.

**Signature/Date**

DEBORA A. TANDAL, Assistant Chief Support Services Bureau
August 5, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: DAVID K. TANOUE, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING

FROM: WESTLEY K.C. CHUN, Ph.D., P.E., BCEE
DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY MAINTENANCE

SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO AMEND SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 2008/SUP-2
TO DELETE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AT
WAIMANALO GULCH SANITARY LANDFILL
92-460 FARRINGTON HIGHWAY, KAPOLEI, OAHU
TAX MAP KEY: 9-2-3:72 AND 73

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the July 13, 2011 application for the subject property.

We have no objections to the proposed as it will not adversely affect our existing facilities or maintenance operations of City-owned roadways in the near vicinity. We have no facilities or easements within the property in question.

Should you have any questions, please call Lan Yoneda, Assistant Chief of the Division of Road Maintenance, at 768-3601.
MEMORANDUM

TO: DAVID K. TANOUYE, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING

FROM: WAYNE Y. YOSHIOKA, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO AMEND SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 2008/SUP-2 TO DELETE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AT WAIMANALO GULCH SANITARY LANDFILL; 92-460 FARRINGTON HIGHWAY, KAPOLEI, OAHU; TAX MAP KEY (TMK): 9-2-3: 72 AND 73

We have no comments to offer at this time concerning your request of July 13, 2011, about the subject matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter. Should you have any further questions on the matter, you may contact Michael Murphy of my staff at Local 88359.

WAYNE Y. YOSHIOKA
Director
August 5, 2011

TO: DAVID TANOUE, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING

FROM: KENNETH G. SILVA, FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO AMEND SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 2008/SUP-2
TO DELETE THE JULY 31, 2012, DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AT THE WAIMANALO GULCH SANITARY
LANDFILL
92-460 FARRINGTON HIGHWAY, KAPOLEI, HAWAII
TAX MAP KEYS: 9-2-003: 072 AND 073

In response to your memorandum of July 13, 2011, regarding the above-mentioned subject, the Honolulu Fire Department reviewed the material provided and determined that there would be no significant impact to its services, provided operations at the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill continue to conform to applicable fire and safety codes.

Should you have any questions, please call Acting Battalion Chief Gary Lum of our Fire Prevention Bureau at 723-7152.

KENNETH G. SILVA
Fire Chief

KGS/BL: bh