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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

### **CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

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September 30, 2004

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IN REPLY REFER TO: RE 04-085

### VIA FACSIMILE 587-3827 (9-30-04) AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Anthony J.H. Ching Executive Director State Land Use Commission P.O. Box 2359 Honolulu, Hawaii 96804-2359

Dear Mr. Ching:

#### Subject: LUC Docket No. SP87-362 Department of Environmental Services

This constitutes the fourth monthly status report requested in your May 13, 2004, letter. With the exceptions noted below, our responses to specific items remain the same.

 Understand and/or operationalize alternative technologies and methodologies for processing municipal solid waste;

Our H-POWER operating contractor, Covanta Honolulu Resource Recovery Venture, held a public open house on September 25, 2004. The open house included a plant tour and stations staffed with personnel who provided technical data, answered questions and received input regarding the proposed facility expansion. It was attended by over 200 people. We have attached a copy of the public notice for your information.

• Establish waste reduction and recycling programs designed to reduce (if not eliminate) the volume of municipal solid waste which is landfilled; and

A bid was advertised on September 8, 2004, for the curbside collection of mixed recyclables by private hauler. Bids are due on October 6, 2004.

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On September 23, 2004, the City Council held an informational briefing on H-POWER operations, island-wide recycling, and the Request-for-Proposals for a municipal solid waste recycling facility.

Please contact Wilma Namumnart of the Refuse Division at 692-5378 if you have questions.

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FRANK J. DOYLE, P.E. Director

cc: City Council (w/attachments) Brian Takeda, RM Towill September 13, 2004

HPOWER

We are pleased to announce HPOWER will be holding a public open house to provide technical data and seek input regarding the City and County's proposed expansion of the facility. On behalf of Covanta Energy we invite you to join us at this event on September 25, 2004 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at HPOWER – Honolulu Resource Recovery Venture – in Kapolei.

Attached is a fact sheet that provides further information about the event, including how to register to attend. You can register either by phone or through the internet at our web site www.honoluluhpower.com.

The community has clearly indicated that a top priority of the City should be to reduce the amount of raw garbage disposed of at our landfill. HPOWER has processed over eight million tons of municipal solid waste — reminding us again of the important role this facility has played in helping preserve and protect the natural beauty of O'ahu.

The expansion adds a new, third boiler at the plant – enabling it to process an additional 120,000 tons of municipal solid waste and preventing that garbage from being sent to O'ahu's landfill.

Additionally, the expanded facility will allow HPOWER to supply electricity to 20% more homes each year. Currently, HPOWER's two boilers and generator convert waste to energy, producing 46 megawatts of renewable energy that supplies power to between 40,000 and 45,000 of O'ahu's homes each day.

HPOWER has been serving the municipal solid waste disposal needs of O'ahu's residents and visitors since 1990. Typically processing slightly more than 2,000 tons a day of local trash, this waste-to-energy facility reduces the volume of waste it combusts by 90 percent, and contributes greatly to reducing our dependence on landfills.

HPOWER also plays an important role in the local economy and community. With 150 employees and a payroll of \$10 million, the facility spends more than \$6.5 million annually on equipment and services from local vendors.

HPOWER and Covanta Energy are deeply committed to the state of Hawal'i and we hope you join us at our open house to see why expansion of the facility makes sense – our future is at stake.

Sincerely,

**Rodney Smith** 

HPOWER Business Manager

HPower - Covanta Honolulu Resource Recovery Venture

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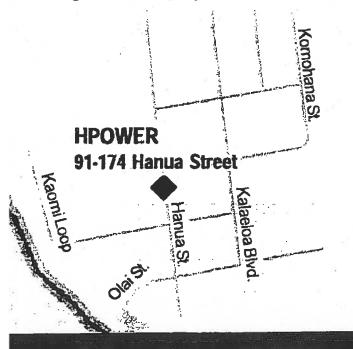


# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

# We believe in the importance of preserving Hawaii's precious natural resources

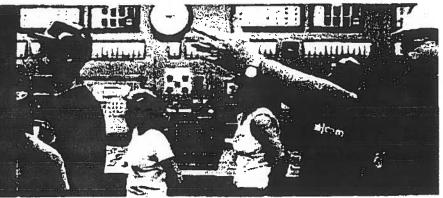
Please join us to discuss Expansion Project Description HPOWER Facility Air Quality Cultural & Archaeological Traffic Other Issues to be studied in the EIS Process

Pre-Registration Required \* Phone: (808) 945-1122 \* URL: www.honoluluhpower.com



## **HOW TO GET HERE**

>Take H-1 West (Airport/Pearl Harbor/Waianae)
>Go Past 8-A Exit H-2 North (Mililani/Wahiawa)
>Go Past Exit 2 (Kapolei/Makakilo)
>Get off Exit 1 (Campbell Industrial Park)
>FROM MAKAHA/WAIANAE, take Farrington Hwy to H-1
East. Exit Campbell Industrial Park.
>Follow Kalaeloa Boulevard past 1st traffic light (Kapolei Parkway), then 2nd traffic light (Malakole)
>Pass Kauhi Street intersection
>Turn right at next intersection (Komohana Street).
>Go to end of street, cross Hanua Street into HPOWER driveway.



## CHECKLIST FOR OPTIONAL PLANT TOUR

>Participants must be 12 years or older

>Must have signed visitor's agreement. If under 18, must be signed by parent or legal guradian.

>Must wear covered shoes