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**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2022 8:14 AM  
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**Subject:** STP 8.3379 Yamada and Sons, Inc. – To Establish a Quarry and Related Activities(22-24)  
**Attachments:** STP 8.3379 DIR 0368 Yamada and Sons, Inc. – To Establish a Quarry and Related Activities(22-24).pdf; 2019 11 22 STP 8.2790 (F) DEA ((19-109).pdf

Aloha,

Please see attached for your viewing and handling. No hard copy will be transmitted.

Kindly, acknowledge receipt of this email.

Thank you,  
Natasha Torres  
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April 20, 2022

**VIA EMAIL:** [planning@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:planning@hawaiicounty.gov)

Mr. Zendo Kern  
Planning Director  
Planning Department  
County of Hawaii  
101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Mr. Kern:

Subject: Special Permit (SP) Application (PL-SPP-2022-000012)  
Yamada and Sons, Inc. – To Establish a Quarry and Related Activities  
South Hilo, Hawaii  
Tax Map Key: (3) 2-1-013: 002 (Por.)

Thank you for your letter dated March 31, 2022, requesting the Hawaii Department of Transportation's (HDOT) review and comments on the subject SP Application. HDOT understands that Yamada and Sons, Inc. is proposing to establish a 37.882-acre quarry for the continued support of its existing construction material supply and general contracting operations.

HDOT previously commented on the subject project during the review of the Draft Environmental Assessment in letter STP 8.2790 dated November 22, 2019 (attached).

HDOT has the following comments for the subject SP Application:

Airports Division (HDOT-A)

1. The proposed quarry site is approximately 1.75 miles from the Runway 8/26 centerline at Hilo International Airport (ITO). The site is next to an existing quarry operation and does not underlie any approach or departure flight tracks. All projects within 5 miles from Hawaii State airports are advised to read the Technical Assistance Memorandum (TAM) for guidance with development and activities that may require further review and permits. The TAM can be viewed at this link:  
[http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/docs/TAM-FAA-DOT-Airports\\_08-01-2016.pdf](http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/docs/TAM-FAA-DOT-Airports_08-01-2016.pdf)
2. The HDOT-A requires that the developer incorporates measures to minimize hazardous wildlife attractants in compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FA

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Advisory Circular 150/5200-33C, Hazardous Wildlife Attractants On Or Near Airports.  
If the project results in a wildlife attractant, these effects shall be immediately mitigated by the developer upon notification by the HDOT-A and/or FAA.

3. The HDOT-A recommends that the project be coordinated with Hawaii Airports District Manager, Mr. Steven Santiago, at (808) 961-9302, to ensure compliance with existing regulations.

Highways Division (HDOT-HWY)

HDOT-HWY previously commented in the STP 8.2790 letter and would like to reiterate that the proposed project will have no anticipated impact to State highways.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Blayne Nikaido of the HDOT Statewide Transportation Planning Office at (808) 831-7979 or via email at [blayne.h.nikaido@hawaii.gov](mailto:blayne.h.nikaido@hawaii.gov).

Sincerely,



JADE T. BUTAY  
Director of Transportation

Attachment



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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
STP 19-115  
STP 8.2790

November 22, 2019

Mr. Ron Terry  
Principal  
Geometrician Associates, LLC  
P.O. Box 396  
Hilo, Hawaii 96721

Dear Mr. Terry:

Subject: Yamada and Sons, Inc Quarry  
Draft Environmental Assessment  
Hilo, Hawaii  
TMK: (3) 2-1-013:002 (por.)

The State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (DOT) understands that Yamada and Sons, Inc. proposes to lease land from the Department of Land and Natural Resources that is adjacent to their existing quarry operation for the purpose of continuing their quarry operation. DOT's comments on the subject project are as follows:

Airports Division

1. Page 37 (PDF Reader, p. 48) states that "the proposed project does not appear to require such a notice (of Proposed Construction or Alteration with the Federal Aviation Administration), and it involves no hazardous wildlife attractants, glint or glare hazards or aerial obstructions. No effect to the facilities or operation of Hilo International Airport (ITO) is anticipated."

Although the project involves no hazardous wildlife attractants, if conditions such as standing water attracts wildlife, Yamada and Sons shall mitigate the wildlife attractant to ensure flight safety to ITO.

2. Please coordinate project development activities with Mr. Steven Santiago, ITO Airport District Manager, to ensure compliance with existing regulations.



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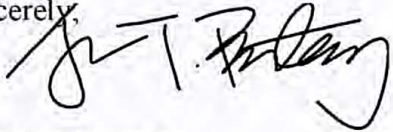
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Highways Division

Since the proposal is to continue an existing operation from roughly the same vicinity and make use of County roads for quarry operations between the applicant's quarry and their quarry base yard on Railroad Avenue, this activity will not impact our State highway facilities.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Blayne Nikaido of the Statewide Transportation Planning Office at (808) 831-7979 or via email at [blayne.h.nikaido@hawaii.gov](mailto:blayne.h.nikaido@hawaii.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jade T. Butay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

JADE T. BUTAY  
Director of Transportation