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**SUBJECT:** Voluntary Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (VEISPN)  
Proposed Waena Generating Station Project  
Pūlehu, Island of Maui, Hawai'i  
Tax Map Key(s): (2) 3-8-003:023 and 024

Aloha Ms. Tashima:

The State Land Use Commission ("LUC") staff has reviewed the VEISPN and has the following comments:

Based on the limited information provided thus far, the proposed project appears to comply with the seventeen conditions set forth in its decision and order dated June 22, 1998. However, more detailed and specific information regarding that compliance is necessary. The LUC notes that on page 5-1 under the heading Relationship to Land Use Plans, Policies, and Controls; the applicant indicates that future voluntary documents will include "...conditions of the approvals previously provided..., including: (i) LUC Docket No. A97-722 Decision and Order..."

More than 20 years have passed since the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") was accepted while growth and development on Maui has changed with respect to water, traffic and roads, wildfire, and traditional and customary rights. The VEIS should clearly compare the impacts of the currently proposed project and the one approved by the LUC in 1998 and the County of Maui in the acceptance of the FEIS in 1997.

We look forward to reviewing future documents as you proceed forward with the project. Should you have any questions, please contact Scott Derrickson, AICP, at (808) 587-3921 or via email at [dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov](mailto:dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov).

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Sincerely,

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