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Mr. Robert R. Way, Director
Planning Department
City and County of Honolulu
629 Pohukaina Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Way:

With the understanding that your department will be reviewing the proposed Puu Palailai Landfill and Quarry Relocation projects, we are transmitting to you a copy of the completed environmental impact statement for these projects, together with some late comments we have received from the Department of the Interior and the Department of Transportation. In the near future, we will be sending a copy of this impact statement to the Governor for his review and approval.

Through the review process of the environmental impact statement, possible problem areas have been identified and should be given special consideration. These include: fugitive dust control, aesthetics, fire protection, control of leachates, vector control, and the possibility of odors spreading to adjacent residential areas. We recommend that these possible problem areas be given special attention especially with respect to fugitive dust control. Although the Department of Health indicates that the legal limits of dust control can be achieved, no mention is made of the likelihood of nuisance complaints of dust levels within the legal limits established by the Department of Health.

We note especially the shortage of landfill sites on Oahu and for this reason the Puu Palailai landfill project should be considered within context of other possible landfill sites in the Nanakuli area. This shortage is amplified in the comments, we have received from the Department of the Interior. The scope of this discussion goes beyond what is presented in the environmental impact statement prepared by Pacific Concrete and Rock Company.

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We do not claim to know the answers to all the possible problem areas indicated in the above discussion, and we do not, in any way, want to discredit the Pacific Concrete and Rock Company for their proposed project. We are, in fact, very pleased that Pacific Concrete have displayed their concern for the environment by processing their environmental impact statement in an open and public manner. However, in light of the above possible problem areas, we recommend that you coordinate with the Department of Health in your review of this project.

We hope that you will give close attention to the above comments.. Thank you for your department's close coordination and cooperation with our staff on this project.

Sincerely,

RICHARD E. MARLAND
Interim Director

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