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Dr. Keith Kawaoka, Acting Director
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**Subject: Final Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact Notice
(Joint NEPA/HEPA)
Pāhala Large Capacity Cesspool Replacement Project
Pā'au'au, Ka'ū, Hawai'i Island, Hawai'i
WWTP Tax Map Key (TMK): (3) 9-6-002:018**

Dear Dr. Kawaoka:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Hawai'i County Department of Environmental Management (DEM) are issuing a joint Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) of the Proposed Pāhala Large Capacity Cesspool Replacement Project. With this letter DEM hereby transmits the subject FEA notice.

This FEA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), EPA and Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations as well as the Hawai'i Environmental Policy Act (HEPA-Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 343) and implementing rules Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), Title 11, State of Hawai'i Department of Health Chapter 200, Environmental Impact Statement Rules.

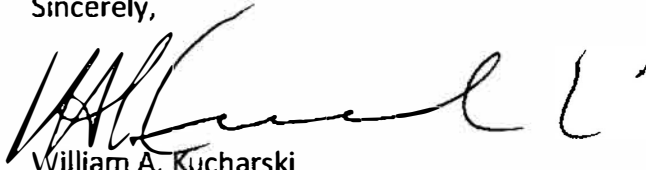
A Finding of No Significant Impact is determined for this project. The basis for this determination is set forth in the FEA Section 8.1.1, which follows the significance criteria set forth in HAR, Title 11, Chapter 200, Section 12.

Pursuant to the requirements of Sections 11-200-9.1 and 11-200-11.1 Hawai'i Administrative Rules, we request that you publish notice of the FEA in the March 8, 2020, periodic bulletin *The Environmental Notice*.

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Please contact Dora Beck, County of Hawai'i Wastewater Division Chief, at (808) 961-8513 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Kucharski', with a stylized flourish at the end.

William A. Kucharski
Director

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