

**Testimony to the Hawaii County Environmental Management  
Commission  
Agenda Item 7-2-c Pahala LCC Closure Project  
July 28, 2021**

Aloha Chair Adams and Commissioners,

According to Page 4 of the current Ka'u LCC Closure Semi-Annual Compliance Report (attached), the County has made major changes to the Pahala project plans – from a technology with open lagoons to “mechanized treatment alternatives” with “subsurface drip irrigation.”

This major change requires the Mayor to consider whether a Supplemental Environmental Assessment is needed and to publish notice of the decision in *TEN*. I attached HAR Section 11-200-26 *et seq.* and the sample notice required by this major change so you can see for yourselves what I am talking about.

Please ensure that the County follows these environmental rules because EMC is the only group that can provide this guidance and oversight on behalf of the public!

Mahalo for your attention to my concerns.

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