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The Hon. Heather Kimball, Chair, and
Members of the Hawai'i County Council

Director Ramzi Mansour, Department of Environmental Management

Chair Kimball and Council Members, and Director Mansour:

The Environmental Management Commission (EMC) believes the the County requires additional certified water technicians to meet Department of Environmental Management (DEM) wastewater management needs. Dealing with the County's several USEPA wastewater Administrative Orders on Consent, the State Act 125 cesspool conversion law, and future regulatory and technical innovations requires an active workforce development program.

On September 25, 2024, recognizing the shortfall in DEM's existing workforce and recruitment ability to provide state-of-the-art wastewater operations and maintenance, EMC adopted a motion to:

Request the County Administration and Council support the present and additional water technician certification programs to address the workforce shortage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Georjean L. Adams'.

Georjean L. Adams, Chair
Environmental Management Commission, County of Hawai'i