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Attention: Mr. Edward Chen

Dear Mr. Wong:

Subject: Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) Application for
Castle Hills Access Road Drainage Improvements, Phase 1 and 2
Kaneohe, Island of Oahu, Hawaii
T.M.K. Nos.: (1) 4-5-024: 002 to 005, and (1) 4-5-108: 068 to 074
Federal Aid Project No. STP-0300(122)
File No. WQC 0000768

We are transmitting for your review and approval a revised Section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the subject project on behalf of the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation.

It is the State Department of Transportation's goal to protect the existing in-stream uses and natural resources to the maximum extent practicable. Various studies have been conducted for the Castle Hills Access Road Drainage Improvements project, among which are an Archaeological Assessment in compliance with Section 106, and an Environmental Assessment (EA). A determination of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was published for this EA and received no opposition during the 30-day public challenge period.

In addition, various Federal and State reviews and permits have been prepared to evaluate and mitigate any potential impacts of construction. Numerous government agencies, including the National Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Coast Guard, United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Land and Natural Resources Commission on Water Resource Management, State Historic Preservation Office, Division of Aquatic Resources, Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism Office of Planning, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs have been consulted through mail, email, conference and field investigation. Findings, comments and recommendations from these reviews have been taken into consideration and reflected in the revised design and site-specific BMP's developed for this project.

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The public, especially the communities adjacent to the proposed project, were also consulted during project development. Several community meetings were conducted to present project design approaches and to address any comments or concerns from the affected community. Project plans were revised to accommodate public comments on several occasions.

In accordance with HAR Section 11-54-09.1.04(b), we request a waiver from the public participation process as the proposed construction work for the Castle Hills Access Road Drainage Improvements Project is covered under a Nationwide Permit Authorization, the project will only result in minor discharge, and the project is non-controversial.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Sincerely yours,

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