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The Honorable Ford N. Fuchigami
Director
Department of Transportation
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Attention: Mr. Kevin Ito
Project Manager

Dear Mr. Fuchigami:

**Subject: NOTICE OF GENERAL PERMIT COVERAGE (NGPC)
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Farrington Highway Replacement of Maipalaoa Bridge
Federal Aid Project No. BR-093-1(21)
Waianae, Island of Oahu, Hawaii
File No. HI 15FE700**

This letter is to notify you that the **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** (hereinafter **PERMITTEE**) is now covered under the NPDES General Permit authorizing discharges of hydrotesting waters. Coverage under this general permit authorizes you to discharge only hydrotesting water to the receiving State waters discharge point(s) identified in the Notice of Intent (NOI), dated April 9, 2015, **provided that you comply with Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) 11-54; HAR 11-55; HAR 11-55, Appendix A; HAR 11-55, Appendix F; and the information submitted in the NOI.** All other pollutant discharges to State waters are not authorized by this NPDES General Permit. HAR 11-54 and 11-55 are available on the Department of Health (DOH), Clean Water Branch (CWB) website at: <http://health.hawaii.gov/cwb/>.

This NGPC will take effect on the date of this notice. This NGPC will expire at midnight, December 5, 2016, or when amendments to HAR, Chapter 11-55, Appendix F, are adopted, whichever occurs first. Failure to comply with HAR 11-54; HAR 11-55; HAR 11-55, Appendix A; HAR 11-55, Appendix F; and information provided in the NOI is an enforceable violation and your NGPC may be terminated. If you violate Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Chapter 342D, you may be subject to penalties of up to \$25,000 per violation per day and up to two (2) years in jail.

Falsification of information, including providing information in the NOI that does not match what is actually occurring at the project site/facility, may result in criminal penalties for the Permittee and their authorized representative as provided in Clean Water Act, Section 309 and HRS, Section 342D-35.

As a reminder, this general permit requires the Permittee to:

1. Notify DOH of the hydrotesting start date within seven (7) calendar days before the start of hydrotesting activities.
2. Complete and submit the Solid Waste Disclosure Form for Construction Sites to the DOH, Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch, Solid Waste Section as specified on the form at least 30 calendar days before the start of construction activities. The form can be downloaded at:
<http://health.hawaii.gov/shwb/files/2013/06/swdiscformnov2008.pdf>.
3. Design, implement, operate, and maintain the project's Hydrotesting BMPs Plan to ensure that the discharge will not cause or contribute to a violation of applicable State water quality standards (WQS). The effluent shall comply with WQS and the effluent limitations required in this general permit prior to any discharge to State waters.
4. Record the date, starting and ending times, and duration (e.g., hours, minutes) of each discharge and report the information in conjunction with the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). Refer to the general permit for the DMR due date(s) and any additional monitoring/reporting requirements. The discharge of hydrotesting water shall be monitored by the Permittee as specified below:

Effluent Parameter	Discharge Limitations	Units	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Flow	Report	GPM and Gallon	Once/Discharge	Calculated or Estimated
Total Suspended Solids	Report	mg/l	Once/Discharge	Grab ¹
Turbidity	5.00	NTU	Once/Discharge	Grab ¹
Total Residual Chlorine ²	13	µg/l	Once/Discharge	Grab ¹
pH	7.0-8.6	Standard Units	Once/Discharge	Grab ^{1, 3}

mg/l Milligrams per liter
NTU Nephelometric turbidity units
µg/l Micrograms per liter

- ¹ The Permittee shall sample the discharge after dechlorination and/or filtration within the first five (5) minutes of discharge
 - ² The Permittee shall test for chlorine immediately after obtaining a sample and only when effluent from disinfection operations is discharged
 - ³ The Permittee shall test for pH within 15 minutes of obtaining the grab sample
5. Submit a new NOI with filing fee and obtain a new NGPC for any revisions to the information submitted in the NOI (with the exception of changes to contact person information for non-transfer of ownerships and changes to the Hydrotesting BMPs Plan). This NGPC cannot be modified.
 6. Complete and submit the Notice of Cessation (NOC) within 14 calendar days of completion of the discharge activity.

All NGPC compliance submittals, including the DMRs and NOC shall be submitted on the CWB Compliance Submittal Form for Individual NPDES Permits and NGPCs. This form shall be completed on the e-Permitting Portal located at:
<https://eha-cloud.doh.hawaii.gov/epermit>.

The Permittee is responsible for obtaining other Federal, State, or local authorizations as required by law.

Please complete the DOH Customer Satisfaction Survey regarding your request for General Permit coverage. This brief survey is available on the e-Permitting Portal located at: <https://eha-cloud.doh.hawaii.gov/epermit>. Please use the Application Finder button and search for the "Customer Satisfaction Survey."

If you have any questions, please contact the Enforcement Section or Mr. Colin Maruoka of the Engineering Section, CWB, at (808) 586-4309.

Sincerely,



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