From: Ossi, Joseph <FTA>
To: Sukys, Raymond <FTA>
Sent: 11/15/2006 3:07:56 PM
Subject: RE: Honolulu's project

If I had been grilled by Cliff Slater's lawyers, I would be skittish too.

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From: Sukys, Raymond <FTA>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 8:04 PM
To: Ossi, Joseph <FTA>; Ryan, James <FTA>
Cc: Marler, Renee <FTA>; Turchie, Donna <FTA>
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I have taken another look at the NOI and I am wrong about the language. It does lay out a process that describes an AA that is separate from the DEIS. The summary paragraph leads one to believe that a joint AA/DEIS is being considered however the last paragraph more clearly describes the process and calls the DEIS a second step. I apologize for this latest string of e-mails.

Ray

From: Ossi, Joseph <FTA>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 2:10 PM
To: Ryan, James <FTA>; Sukys, Raymond <FTA>
Cc: Turchie, Donna <FTA>; Marler, Renee <FTA>
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Right. This isn't an FTA issue. Let the city deal with it.

They have produced 3 failed projects and are well on their way to a fourth, so why is FTA wasting time on the City's problems?

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From: Ryan, James <FTA>
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Cc: Turchie, Donna <FTA>; Marler, Renee <FTA>
Subject: RE: Honolulu's Project

To whom do we address this letter? Given that the city is the mind-changer and we're OK with a new NOI explaining the revised steps for NEPA, who's left? Cliff Slater, perhaps, but maybe for the public in general or some other audience I can't think of.

From: Ossi, Joseph <FTA>
Sent: Tue 11/14/2006 4:11 PM
To: Sukys, Raymond <FTA>
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A letter. However, we didn't change our minds, the city staff changed their minds, and our procedures

are flexible enough to accommodate their revised approach. Why shouldn't the burden be on city staff to explain why they changed their minds?

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Joe,

As Honolulu's city council considers the AA and raises questions about where the DEIS is, should we issue a letter, federal register notice or both to let everyone know that we changed our mind since the NOI and that we will be going out with a new NOI with a different process?

Ray