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To: Miyamoto, Faith

Cc: Ruppel, Julia; Spurgeon, Lawrence

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Faith, This is copy of the letter that we did not have from the COE that we did not have. I recieved a copy of it today. Amy



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, HONOLULU
FORT SHAFTER, HAWAII 96858-5440

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Regulatory Branch
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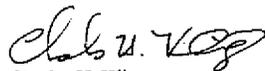
Dear Mr. Rogers:

This letter is in response to your written invitation for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to serve as a cooperating agency in the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the *Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project* (Project) located in the County of Honolulu, O'ahu, Hawaii. As a Federal agency with jurisdiction by law, the USACE appreciates your efforts to seek our early involvement and obtain our technical input regarding aquatic resources. Pursuant to our authorities under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, and in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, the USACE accepts your request to serve as a cooperating agency in the EIS process.

Among other Project documents enclosed in your request letter, my staff reviewed your *Draft Coordination Plan* (dated March 16, 2007). While I generally concur with the cooperating agencies' responsibilities outlined in this plan, I suggest a follow-on discussion between the Federal Transit Administration, the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services, and the USACE be arranged to ensure there is a clear understanding of the scope of the USACE's involvement for purposes of fulfilling our respective procedural expectations and legal responsibilities. Regulatory fiscal laws and policy, in conjunction with our limited existing and projected future budgetary resources, constrain our ability to assume responsibility for developing information and preparing environmental analyses. Likewise, I am concerned the 15 days prescribed in the coordination plan for agency review of NEPA-related products, including the administrative draft EIS, may not be adequate. I suggest a 30-day review period is more reasonable to conduct our review and provide written comments during the Project's various NEPA milestones.

A copy of this correspondence will be sent to Mr. Kenneth Hamayasu at the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services at 650 South King Street, 3rd Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Should you have any questions you may contact Ms. Susan A. Meyer, Regulatory Project Manager, of my Regulatory Branch staff at (808) 438-2137 and refer to project number POH-2007-127.

Sincerely,



Charles H. Klinge
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District Engineer