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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 1:18 PM
To: 'Mulvihill.Carolyn@epamail.epa.gov'
Subject: RE: Question regarding Honolulu Transit DEIS

Hi Carolyn,

The cover page of the DEIS and the administrative FEIS says "submitted pursuant toHawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 343." Since we don't review for this statute, I could not begin assess whether the document is consistent with state requirements. I am unaware of anything in our NEPA requirements that have changed or would preclude a joint document. Until now, I have always thought they were conducting a joint process.

Ray

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Ray,
Was the current DEIS for Honolulu done for both NEPA and the state environmental process?

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From: Karl Kim <karlk@hawaii.edu>
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Date: 10/25/2009 09:29 PM
Subject: Question regarding Honolulu Transit DEIS

Hi Carolyn,

I'm doing a study for the State of Hawaii legislature on the Hawaii's environmental impact assessment laws (Ch 343); and a question has emerged as to whether the federal DEIS/EIS can be submitted in place of our own process. The last time around (in the 1990s) the joint document contained

references to our state laws, but this time, it is not clear what the intent is. I noted in the review from EPA, concerns regarding Section 106 consultation for historic and archaeological resources, water quality, and HI CZM consistency were mentioned, but I didn't see reference to Hawaii's EIS process. Is this an oversight or are there some changes in the federal system which affect our state process?

Best wishes, Karl Kim

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