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The FTA regional office (Region 9) decided to extend the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Honolulu rail transit project by 30 days. The Region had received formal requests from local organizations in Honolulu for an extension and also considered the fact that the comment period spans the holidays, which effectively compresses the time for local review and discourse.

The grantee has been informed of the extension. The grantee wanted to argue against it, but we informed them that we had already sent the request to EPA to announce the extension in next Friday's Federal Register. We had to notify EPA today in order to have the extension announced in next Friday's weekly notice of EIS actions.

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