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September 24, 2009

Ms. Alexis Strauss, Director
Water Division (W-1)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX
75 Hawthorne St.
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Strauss,

Re: Upper Kaukonahua Stream Total Maximum Daily Loads

We have established Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the North and South Forks of Kaukonahua Stream, Oahu and are submitting them to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval under Clean Water Act §303(d). These TMDLs account for eight (8) waterbody/pollutant combinations from the State's 2006 §303(d) list. Copies of the TMDL decision document ("Total Maximum Daily Loads for the North and South Forks of Kaukonahua Stream, Oahu") are enclosed.

As required by the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), 40 C.F.R. sec. 122.44(d)(1)(vii)(B) and HAR sec. 11-55-19(a)(4)(C), and intended by Hawaii's Continuing Planning Process for Surface Water Pollution Control (approved by EPA June 14, 1976 and last reviewed by EPA in August 2001), upon approval of a TMDL by EPA, any TMDL Waste Load Allocations (WLAs) are immediately effective to be applied in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. NPDES permits issued by the DOH shall include limitations needed to implement the WLAs in TMDLs, and the Department of Health (DOH) shall enforce these limits.

The State will assure implementation of the approved TMDL WLAs through the enforcement of NPDES permit conditions (HAR §11-55) and will pursue implementation of load allocations through Hawaii's Implementation Plan for Polluted Runoff Control (DOH), Hawaii's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program Management Plan (State of Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism), and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (DOH), all of which serve the State Water Quality Standards (HAR §11-54).

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If you have any questions regarding this TMDL submittal, please call me at (808) 586-4424.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurence K. Lau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping tail.

LAURENCE K. LAU
Deputy Director
Environmental Health Administration

Enclosures