

**Draft Finding of No Significant Impact**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., a draft Environmental Assessment has been prepared for proposed temporary housing structures and other improvements to the Kauai Community Correctional Center in Lihue, Kauai. This project is subject to NEPA review because it is being funded, in part, with Federal funding available under the Violent Offender Incarceration/Truth-in-Sentencing Initiative Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

**Proposed Action**

The proposal would add to the Kauai Community Correctional Center two pre-fabricated temporary housing structures, together with mobile restrooms and a storage unit, capable of housing a total of 128 inmates consisting of 64 males and 64 females. The housing structures would be used to transition higher-level security inmates already in the system to much needed lower-level security beds, thereby increasing the availability of higher-level security beds, and would not increase the overall population of the facility. Also, walk-through and portable electronic detection devices to screen individuals for narcotics without the need for physical contact would be added to the Center. The project sponsor is the Hawaii Department of Public Safety.

**Project Location**

The proposed site for the housing structures is on the grounds of the Correctional Center and is a large, level, open field located to the northwest of the existing concentration of inmate housing, administration, and support buildings. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's floodplain map for the project area, the proposed location is within a designated 100-year floodplain. The address of the Correctional Center is 5350 Kuhio Highway, Lihue, Hawaii, 96766.

**Findings**

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has determined that this proposed renovation would not significantly affect the quality of the human or physical environment. Therefore, it is not expected that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for this proposal.

Consistent with the provisions of Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has also determined that there is no practicable alternative to locating the proposed structures within the 100-year floodplain. Because all of the Correctional Center's property is located within a designated 100-year floodplain, there is no non-floodplain site available that can efficiently utilize the existing infrastructure of the Correctional Center. In the development of any specific building plans, the project sponsor would coordinate with the County of Kauai in order to ensure compliance with floodplain development requirements. Other than the Office of Justice Programs and the Hawaii Department of Public Safety, there are no other agencies involved in the funding of the project. The proposed project will conform to applicable State and local floodplain protection standards.

**Public Comments**

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Environmental Assessment from or may submit written comments relating to this Draft Finding of No Significant Impact to the following address: Mr. Clayton Frank, Hawaii Department of Public Safety, 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 400, Honolulu, HI 96814.

No administrative action will be taken on the project before September 22, 2008, which is 30 calendar days after the public notice of this Draft Finding of No Significant Impact. (Insert in the line above, the expiration date for the receipt of comments, which must be at least 30 days after the second publication date of the notice.)

**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

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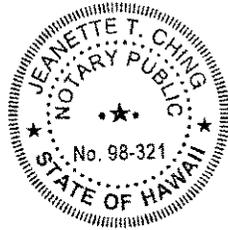
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Jane Kawasaki  
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Jeanette T. Ching  
Notary Public of the First Judicial Circuit  
State of Hawaii  
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