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State of Hawaii
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Gentlemen:

NPDES Permit No. HI0000558
Halawa Batch Plant No. 151
Halawa Valley, Oahu

We realize that the response deadline for the above noted NPDES Permit has passed. Nonetheless, we hope that our concerns may be addressed. We have been assisted in this review by James Parrish, Hawaii Cooperative Fishery Research Unit; Walington Yee and Pamela Bahnsen, Environmental Center.

Our reviewers are concerned about the possible run-off water from the routine washings of trucks. The permit states that, "If a discharge were to occur from the existing Halawa Quarry Facility, the effluent would contain dust-suppression runoff and truck wash-water. The discharge would enter North Halawa Stream..." (p. 1) This polluted run-off could have a significant impact on the stream. How often and under what circumstances will the discharge occur? And in what quantities would it enter the North Halawa Stream?

The permit states that, "the Director of Health proposes to issue a NPDES permit to discharge...subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions..." (p. 1) What will the effluent limitations and special conditions be? Unfortunately due to the brevity of the information provided, our reviewers are unable to completely assess this permit and the resulting potential impacts. Although the permit may have already been approved, the Center would appreciate receiving further information on this permit.

Sincerely,

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