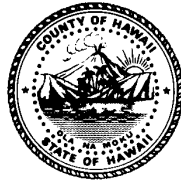


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**SUBJECT: Wastewater Treatment Plant - Design
Federal Administrative Order on Consent
EPA Docket No. SDWA-UIC-AOC-2017-0002
Pāhala Large Capacity Cesspools (LCC)**

Dear Mr. Shareem and Ms. Rao:

The County of Hawai'i (County) is submitting the design drawings for the Pāhala LCC Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) that consists of the site improvement, headworks, grit removal system and tailored for a Secondary Wastewater Treatment process Design/Build solicitation. We have prepared an explanation as to why the County has decided to proceed under a Design/Build procurement for the construction portion of the secondary wastewater treatment (WWTP) (see Attachment A).

The County considers the Design/Build construction alternative to give us the best chance to meet the AOC LCC closure deadline of March 9, 2023.

Thank you for your patience and your continued conversations with our team in efforts to get this project to the finish line.

Please contact Eric Takamura (808) 961-8333 eric.takamura@hawaiicounty.gov, or me at (808) 961-8099 ramzi.mansour@hawaiicounty.gov should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ramzi', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Ramzi Mansour, Director

CC: Brenda Iokepa-Moses, Deputy Director
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