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Subject:

Federal Administrative Order on Consent EPA Docket No. SDWA-UIC-AOC-2017-0002 Pāhala and Nā'ālehu Large Capacity Cesspools SEMI ANNUAL REPORT (1/1/23 through 6/30/23)

Dear Mr. Shareem and Ms. Rao:

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management is submitting this report in accordance with Section VI, Reporting Requirements, of EPA Docket No. SDWA-UIC-AOC-2017-002 which requires that Semi-Annual Compliance Reports be submitted to the EPA Region 9 Compliance Officer and EPA Region 9 LCC Project Coordinator twice per year.

As per Item 62 of the Revised Administrative Order on Consent, this report covers the period of January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023.

Due to the separate facilities and multiple milestones, the report has been submitted in a tabular format for clarity and is provided as ATTACHMENT 1.

Should there be any comments or questions on the report please contact Chris Laude, P.E., Acting Wastewater Division Chief at 808 961-8279 (christopher.laude@hawaiicounty.gov) or myself at 808-961-8083 (Brenda.iokepa-moses@hawaiicounty.gov).

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I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, I certify that the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director

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ATTACHMENT

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NĀ'ĀLEHU AND PĀHALA LARGE CAPACITY CESSPOOLS SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT: January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023

Section V.A. Planning						
Compliance Date	Milestone		Current Status		Pending Actions	Comments
Within 60 days of	V.A.31.a	1.	Revised AOC effective date is	No	one.	Complete.
execution of the	Submit Feasibility		8/22/2022			
Revised AOC	Evaluation Report	2.	Report submitted to EPA on			
(NLT Oct 21, 2022)	for Pahala and		10/18/2022.			
	Naalehu for EPA	3.	EPA approved report on			
	approval		11/7/2022.			
Within 180 days of	V.A.31.b	1.	Report submitted on April 19,	1.	Waiting for EPA	
EPA's written approval	Submit Pahala		2023.		approval.	
of Feasibility Evaluation	Preliminary					
report	Engineering Report					
(NLT May 6, 2023)	for EPA approval					
Within 300 days of	V.A.31.b	1.	PER in preparation	1.	Submit PER to EPA by	
EPA's written approval	Submit Naalehu				9/3/23.	
of Feasibility Evaluation	Preliminary					
Report	Engineering Report					
(NLT Sep 3, 2023)	for EPA approval					

REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT DOCKET SDWA-UIC-AOC-2017-0002 NĀ'ĀLEHU AND PĀHALA LARGE CAPACITY CESSPOOLS

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Section V.B. Pāhala Community Cesspool Closure Project					
Compliance Date	Milestone	Current Status	Pending Actions	Comments	
Within 30 days of	V.B.32.a	TBD	TBD		
EPA's written	Submit Pahala				
approval of EID	Implementation Plan				
	for EPA approval				
NLT Jul 21, 2026	V.B.32.a	TBD	TBD		
	Close Pahala LCCs				

NĀ'ĀLEHU AND PĀHALA LARGE CAPACITY CESSPOOLS

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Section V.C. Nā'ālehu Community Cesspool Closure Project				
Compliance Date	Milestone	Current Status	Pending Actions	Comments
Within 60 days of EPA's	V.C.33.a.	TBD	TBD	
written approval of EID	Submit			
	Implementation			
	Plan for EPA			
	approval			
NLT Dec 31, 2027	V.C.33.a.	TBD	TBD	
	Close Naalehu			
	LCCs			

Section V.D. Pahala Elderly Apartments Cesspool Replacement Project					
Compliance Date	Milestone	Current Status	Pending Actions	Comments	
NLT Sep 28, 2018	V.D.34. Close LCCs	1. LCCs have been closed. The backfill completion report was received by EPA on 6/1/2018.	None.	Complete.	

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Section V.E. Outreach				
Compliance Date	Milestone	Current Status	Pending Actions	Comments
Within 30 days of execution of the Revised AOC (NLT Sep 21, 2022)	V.E.36. Maintain a public webpage to keep EPA and the public informed of the status of the Community Cesspool Closure Projects. Update at least monthly.	 Webpage established on 9/20/2022. Updated on 1/18/2023. Updated on 2/2/2023. Updated on 3/31/2023. Updated on 4/24/2023. Updated on 5/23/2023. Updated on 6/19/2023. 	Monthly webpage updates	
Within 45 days of execution of the Revised AOC (NLT Oct 6, 2022)	V.E.40. Hold public meeting to explain the requirements of the Revised AOC	1. Public meeting held in Naalehu 8/31/2022.	None	Complete
Within 30 days of EPA approval of Pahala EID	V.E.40. Commence solicitation of public comment on the project options and environmental review information	TBD	TBD	

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Section V.E. Outreach				
Compliance Date	Milestone	Current Status	Pending Actions	Comments
Within 30 days of EPA approval of Naalehu EID	V.E.40. Commence solicitation of public comment on the project options and environmental	TBD	TBD	
Starting NLT Aug 2022	review information V.E.42 Start holding semi-annual public outreach meetings in August and February	 Public meeting held in Pahala on 2/23/2023. Notice of public meeting sent 6/2023. 	1. Public meeting to be held in Naalehu on 8/24/2023.	