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TO: Anhthu Hoang, Acting Director  
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FROM: Sharon Hurd, Chairperson  
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SUBJECT: Commitment to Complete the Drift Monitoring Project as Agreed to in the  
Informal Resolution Agreement for EPA Complaint No. 44RNO-16-R9

The Hawai'i Department of Agriculture re-affirms its commitment to complete the Drift Monitoring Project, as agreed to in Section III.A.4 of Informal Resolution Agreement for EPA Complaint No. 44RNO-16-R9.

The Pesticides Branch has contracted with the University of Hawai'i at Manoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (UH CTAHR) to complete the five-year study (see Attachment 1, Contract No. 71697, and Attachment 2 Supplemental Contract No. 1 to Contract 71697). Years one and two of the five-year study have already been allocated and funded by the State Legislature (see Attachment 3; Legislative Budget System Budget Worksheet dated Tuesday, April 11, 2023).

To ensure the Drift Monitoring Project continues to be funded, the Department will be seeking appropriations from the State Legislature in its upcoming 2025 legislative session to fund years three and four of the five-year study. The Department will continue to seek funding for each year until the completion of the Contract.

Equipment for the study has been procured by UH CTAHR and is currently being delivered and set up at UH CTAHR's location. A post-doc fellow has been hired and is currently becoming familiar with the equipment and monitoring techniques (see Attachment 5; 1<sup>st</sup>\_report\_2024\_2\_21).

The proposed completion date for the Drift Monitoring Project by UH CTAHR is October 20, 2028. Deliverables include data, results, interim reports, and analysis of all data and information gathered during the project.



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If there are any questions, please contact me at 808-973-9550 or Greg Takeshima, Acting Plant Industry Administrator and Pesticide Program Manager, at 808-973-9404.

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Sharon Hurd, Chairperson  
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