

Hawai'i Notices

APRIL 8, 2007

Ocean View Transfer Station and Recycling Center (HRS 343 FEA-EISPN)

District: Ka'u
TMK: (3rd) 9-2-150:060
Proposing Agency: County of Hawai'i, Department of Environmental Management, 25 'Aupuni Street, Room 210, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720. Contact: Barbara Bell (961-8083).

Determination Agency: Same as above.
Consultant: Geometrician Associates, P.O. Box 396, Hilo, Hawai'i 96721. Contact: Ron Terry (969-7090).
Status: Final Environmental Assessment - Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice, pending 30-day public comment. Address comments to the proposing agency with copies to the determination agency, consultant and OEQC.

Public Comment Deadline: May 8, 2007
Permits Required: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Underground Injection Control (UIC), State Historic Preservation Chapter 6E Concurrence, Solid Waste Management Permit, Plan Approval, Subdivision Approval, Grading Permit, Building Permits.

The County of Hawai'i proposes to build a solid waste transfer station and recycling center in Ocean View. Over the last four years, the County has utilized community input in conducting an extensive search for candidate sites and has selected a preferred site based upon criteria including location, relief of site, land use, highway access and nearby residences. The EIS process will continue to consider all reasonable alternative properties as well as the No Action alternative and various strategies for residential solid waste disposal and recycling.

Residents of Ocean View, a rapidly growing community with a population of 2,178 in 2000, are obliged to travel more than 12 miles to dispose of rubbish and greenwaste and to recycle. Ocean View is one of only two communities on the island with more than 2,000 residents that lacks a transfer station within 10 miles. Aside from inconvenience to residents, this lack is one factor contributing to an epidemic of illegal dumping, which poses not only a scenic blight but also a hazard to human health and environmental quality. The transfer station, estimated to cost

\$3.1 million, will include the following elements:

- Two waste disposal chutes;
- Recycling area with bins for glass, aluminum, cardboard, certain plastics, and other items;
- Reuse area;
- Redemption area for containers;
- Green waste collection and mulching yard;
- Metal collection area;
- Service roads, electric lines and poles, fencing and landscaping;
- Improvements to SR 11, as necessary;
- Firebreaks and firefighting equipment; and
- Visual buffer area.

The EISPN offers an opportunity for interested parties, including individuals, neighborhood groups, businesses, trade organizations, environmental and cultural groups, non-profits, and government agencies, to get involved in the EIS process.

