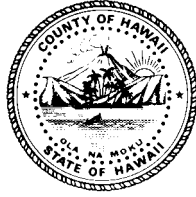


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WASTE REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY RFI

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
(Updated 06/14/04)

- Q:** How does this relate to the May 6th County Council resolution?
A: The RFI process is coming before the RFP process. A Waste Reduction Technology is the subject of the RFI and will be the subject of a subsequent RFP.
- Q:** Who are the companies that have been invited to respond to the RFI?
A: The notice was published on May 2, 2004 in the Honolulu Advertiser, the Hawaii Tribune-Herald, and the West-Hawaii Today newspapers. It was also emailed to our Department distribution list. This list consists of our Environmental Management Commissioners, interested public, and anyone who has contacted us over the last two years wanting to be notified of procurements.
- Q:** Who designed the "sort station" and what does that design consist of at this point?
A: URS has completed the design of the Sort Station facility. The design consists of roads, utilities, a community recycling center, recycling processing areas, a scale house, signage, landscaping, and a re-load/sorting building.
- Q:** Who was the contract for the equipment for the sort station awarded to?
A: Nobody. There has been no procurement or contract for equipment for the Sort Station.
- Q:** Any additional detail why SWAC rejected a start up "dirty MRF" and Aerobic composting?
A: No. The most detailed information on those options is in the Update to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan Appendix E.
- Q:** Tip fee is still \$35.00? Any increase expected in the next year or two?
A: The Landfill tipping fee is currently \$45/ton. It becomes \$55/ton on July 1, 2004. It becomes \$65/ton on July 1, 2005. It becomes \$75/ton on July 1, 2006. It becomes \$85/ton on July 1, 2007. All charges are approved by Ordinance through the legislative body, our County Council.
- Q:** 15% of tip fees to fund diversion and recycling programs. How much is the annual fund?
A: I believe you are referring to a goal stated in the Update to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan. There is no mandate at this time for any percentage of the Solid Waste Fund to provide revenue to diversion and/or recycling programs.

- Q:** Any anticipated date for an RFP for waste reduction systems for Hilo?
- A:** The present schedule is for publication of notice of Request For Proposals in April, 2005.
- Q:** From ISWMP page 3 of 4 "shall not interfere with or degrade existing public or private efforts" ?
- A:** The section title that bullet is under is titled "Waste Reduction and Landfills, The waste reduction facility shall meet or exceed the following criteria: Shall not interfere with or degrade existing public or private recycling efforts."
- Q:** Explain how a new MRF would interfere?
- A:** I don't know that a new MRF would interfere with any recycling efforts. This is a policy statement that the County is concerned with keeping existing recycling efforts in operation.
- Q:** Addendum ISWMP page 27. Develop a demonstration recycling center at Keaau with US EPH Grant. Did this happen? Was the grant amount used completely?
- A:** Yes.
- Q:** REF: Question #68 of RFI; Explain Backhaul?
- A:** Backhaul is generally thought of as making use of a possibly empty truck in an opposite direction of the main purpose of the trucking operation. We are looking for the most efficient services for our entire island population.
- Q:** I understand that the answers will be posted on the County of Hawaii Department of Environmental Management website for review.
- A:** Yes.