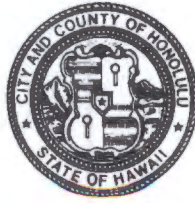


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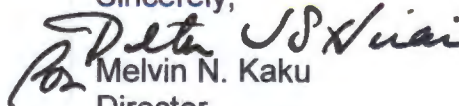
Dear Larry:

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) for Navy's Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing (HSTT) Activities

The purpose of this letter is to provide City and County of Honolulu, Department of Emergency Management (DEM) review and comments to the subject document.

DEM has reviewed the Draft EIS/OEIS for the United States Navy training and testing activities conducted within the HSTT Study Area. Areas of particular focus by DEM were impacts upon the health and safety of the citizens of the City and County of Honolulu (City), the Island of Oahu and its surrounding beaches and waters. The City supports the U.S. Navy's mission to maintain, train and equip combat-ready military forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression and maintaining freedom of the seas. Furthermore, the City appreciates the U.S. Navy's open communication with the community through scheduled and announced open house public meetings (i.e. Friday, June 15, 2012, McKinley High School); representatives of DEM will participate in this open house.

Upon review of the Draft EIS/OEIS we believe the U.S. Navy's standard operating procedures, mitigation measures and active monitoring will assure that operation, training and testing impacts to the people of Honolulu, its lands and waters are minimal. We believe the proposed use of active sonar and explosives in the Study Area in compliance with existing national environmental policies will have minimal impact upon public health and safety to citizens, cultural resources, general and unique Hawaiian marine life. We defer to our sister counties and the State of Hawai'i, comments in reference to portions of the HSTT activities which impact their local area.

Sincerely,

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