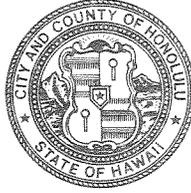


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January 7, 2004

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
and Members of the City Council
City and County of Honolulu
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the City Council:

Re: Synagro Workshop

The Department of Environmental Services will hold an informational workshop to address the production use, health and safety concerns of the proposed Synagro Facility at Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Workshop will be held on Monday, January 26, 2004, at the Neil Blaisdell Center's Pikake Room from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We cordially invite you, the City Councilmembers and Council Staff to the workshop.

The Administration's position has not changed as we consider the product to be safe and of beneficial use. We are however in disagreement with the Council's consultant, Dr. Lewis on the need and test procedure.

In order to discuss these differences publicly and to provide the Council with sufficient information to make an informed decision, we will be holding an Informational Workshop on the production and use of the product. At that time we will review questions of specific concern and request that if possible these be provided to the Department of Environmental Services prior to the Workshop. Data from previous testing performed to ascertain the safe application of the product will also be presented.

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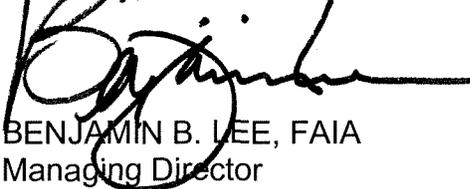
Since the last City Council Meeting on December 3, 2003, regarding the SMA Permit for the Synagro Facility at the Sand Island Sewage Treatment Plant, the following persons have been discussing the proposed testing of the Synagro pellets to assure the product is safe for it's intended land application.

Mr. Barney Asato	CCH/ENV
Mr. Frank Doyle	CCH/ENV
Roger Fujioka	UH/WRRC
Jim Hecht	Synagro
Suzanne Jones	CCH/ENV
Ken Kawahara	CCH/ENV
Don Clegg	APC/Synagro
David Lewis	UGA
Bob O'Dette	Synagro
Harold Yee	DOH/WWB

We intend to have a number of authoritative persons speak to the subject and believe it is in all of our interest to have present all previous participants who have addressed the Council on this matter. We intend to advise those speakers as well as the general public and the media of the workshop and encourage their attendance.

Should you have any questions, please contact Frank Doyle, Director of Environmental Services at 692-5159.

Sincerely,



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