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TO: Councilmember Gary Okino
FROM: Councilmember Donovan M. Dela Cruz
RE: Draft ISWMP comments

I have the following comments and questions in response to the submitted draft ISWMP plan:

- Ordinance 06-27 required ENV to prepare and submit a revised 25-year integrated solid waste management plan draft to council for its review with a Jan 1, 2007 deadline. This draft was submitted over 10 months late, despite the deadline set forth in Ordinance 06-27.
- Draft does not touch upon alternative technologies such as Plasma-arc vitrification of waste technology or other options as required by Ordinance 06-27.
- Draft does not recommend any waste to energy strategies outside of H-Power, and only briefly discusses the issuance of an RFP for various options relating to the financing, design, construction, and operation of an alternative waste to energy facility. The draft does not define alternative options.
- Draft does not include a contingency plan if the City's application to extend the Special Use Permit for Waimanalo Gulch landfill is denied. With the landfill closure date looming and the SUP application still up in the air, other options must be included in the plan. The private landfill in Nanakuli should not be the sole option.
- Draft doesn't offer additional public education strategies outside of the public education strategies that are currently being employed by the City. For instance, how will the City reach seniors who are not accessible through existing public education strategies?

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- What is the scope of costs for the Trans-shipment of Waste analyses in Appendix C of the draft? The high shipping estimates listed in the analyses (245 per ton on the low end) to export MSW off island makes the shipping option appear to be unfeasible and not a viable alternative. Furthermore, the 600,000 ton per year basis used for the shipping analysis is almost 3 times the amount that is being considered for shipment.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further or if you have any questions.

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