BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C.

In re:

City & County of Honolulu Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES Appeal No. 09-01

NPDES Permit Nos. HI0020117 & HI0020877

JOINT STATUS REPORT

The City and County of Honolulu ("CCH") and United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 ("Region 9" or "the Region") respectfully submit this Status Report to apprise the Board of the ongoing status of the proceedings relating to approval of the consent decree.¹

Under 28 CFR §50.7, the 30-day period for public comment on the proposed consent decree closed on or about September 15, 2010. EPA is currently reviewing and preparing responses to the public comments, and so apprised Judge David A. Ezra at a September 20, 2010 status conference in the proceedings before the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii. EPA received five comments to which it has indicated it plans to respond. Three of those comments relate specifically to secondary treatment.

¹ The Board directed the parties to provide such status reports in its August 16, 2010 Order. On August 24, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit entered a stay of the Board's proceedings, and on September 2, the Court of Appeals continued the stay. *See* Order to Show Cause, No. 10-72575 (9th Cir. Sept. 2, 2010). Nonetheless the Parties provide this joint report to inform the Board of the status of the process for approving the consent decree.

The State of Hawaii also opened a public comment period on the proposed consent

decree. We understand that no comments were received.

DATED: October 1, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the attached Joint Status Report was filed electronically with the Environmental Appeals Board and a copy was e-mailed to:

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