June 24, 1985

RP:0050

District Engineer (PODCO-0)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Building 230
Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858

Dear Sir:

Corps of Engineers Permit
(PODCO-0 1877-S)
Kailua-Kona Offshore Fishing Platform
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

The proposal to moor a fishing platform off the coast of Kailua-Kona was reviewed by Robert Grace, Civil Engineering; Jacquelin Miller and Noreen Tashima, Environmental Center.

Our major concern is one of safety during storm or emergency conditions. Are there any alternative provisions in the mooring design for unexpected failure of the proposed single point anchor? Since it is unlikely that adequate tug or towing services will be available from Kailua-Kona on short notice under storm or emergency situations, we suggest that provision for a second anchoring system be incorporated into the mooring design.

The capacity of the proposed shuttle service and the expected time for a round trip from the Kailua pier to the barge is not indicated. Does the proposed shuttle service have the ability to evacuate all on board to safety in sufficient time if an emergency condition arises?

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this notice.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Doak C. Cox
Director

cc: Robert Grace
Jacquelin Miller
Noreen Tashima