Ms. Linda Barajas (A-3-1)  
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Dear Ms. Barajas:

EPA Draft Permit Modification  
(Public Notice No. HI 78-03)  
Maalaea Bay Generating Station  
Maalaea Bay, Maui

Pursuant to 40 CFR 124.12, the Environmental Center would like to request a public hearing on the Draft Permit Modification applicable to emission of air pollutants at Maalaea Bay Generating Station, Maalaea Bay, Maui.

This permit modification would revise Special Condition C, revising the NO₂ emission limits to 2.21 lb./10⁶ BTU of NOₓ as NO₂. Drs. Anders Daniels and Tom Schroeder, of the University of Hawaii Department of Meteorology, have voiced the concern that since the region suffers from adverse diffusion of air currents due to vortices created by Haleakala, any modification of the facilities in question may affect the air quality of the surrounding areas adversely. Additionally, concerns have been voiced by residents of Kihei about air quality impacts of burning sugar cane. On the basis of these concerns, we consider it advisable to recommend a public hearing on the aforementioned permit modification.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this public notice. We look forward to hearing your decision on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Coordinator

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