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Dear Ms. Ornellas:

The Environmental Center's in-house review of the OEQC's guidelines to Environmental Assessment and Notices of Determination was prepared with the assistance of Jacquelin Miller and Lee Lyttle.

Purpose

We suggest that the following statement be inserted immediately after the first paragraph:

Purpose: To determine if the impacts of a proposal are significant enough to warrant preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

Inclusion of this statement, broadly taken from the definition in Chapter 343, HRS of an environmental assessment, clarifies the underlying rationale for performance of an EA.

Editorial Suggestions

A number of minor editorial changes have been offered on the attached copies as requested. For the most part, these serve to clarify the procedure or to more accurately reflect the language of the Statute.
Overall, we feel these guidelines will be extremely helpful, and we strongly support publication of the revised guidelines in the OEQC Bulletin. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and please call me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

John T. Harrison, Ph.D.
Environmental Coordinator

cc: Roger Fujioka, WRRC