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Via Electronic Mail

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Re: Withdrawal of Finding of No Significant Impact, Pāhala Community Large Capacity
Cesspools Closure Project

Dear Mr. Mansour:

I have received your letter dated October 1, 2021 requesting that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) withdraw its Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4347. The reason for your request is that the County of Hawai'i will not be proceeding with the alternative selected in the February 2020 Environmental Assessment for the Pāhala Community Large Capacity Cesspools Closure Project.

Per your request, I hereby withdraw the February 2020 FONSI for the Subject Project as the County no longer intends to use EPA grant funds (Grant #XP-96942401) for the selected alternative. Consequently, the County may not expend any funds from this grant for the design or construction related to the Pāhala Community Large Capacity Cesspools Closure Project until a requisite environmental review has been completed under NEPA.

We will post this letter to EPA's website and notify interested parties. Kate Rao of my staff is available to coordinate the environmental review should the County wish to use this grant funding in the future. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact David Albright, Manager of our Groundwater Protection Section, at 415-972-3971 or albright.david@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Tomás Torres
Director, Water Division