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> IN REPLY REFER TO: 14-017



Thank you for your letter dated January 6, 2014, regarding your request for copies of all refuse trucks maintenance and repair records on the installation of radiated isotope detectors under the Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA).

All our City refuse truck's radiated isotope detectors are installed by the company that we buy the refuse trucks from 2000 to 2006. Since 2007, the City discontinued buying refuse trucks with isotope detectors because the detectors were not detecting radioactive load until the trash was dumped into the vehicle. It did not make sense to have radiated isotope detectors installed since its purpose was to detect a radioactive load before it was loaded into the refuse truck. In addition, all City refuse transfer stations along with H-POWER have radiation isotope sensors which detect a radioactive load when the refuse truck enters the station. When radioactive load is detected, the refuse truck is isolated until it is decontaminated and inspected.

Given the frequency of inspection/maintenance of all City refuse trucks at least twice a year with an average of 120 City refuse trucks annually - the estimated cost to search (\$24.86 per hour) and to photocopy (\$0.25 per page) all refuse trucks service checks, inspections, and maintenance records will cost about \$6,000.00 including our Corporation Counsel's review. As such, we are unable to waive associated fees and charges for research and copies.

We look forward to hearing back from you with your decision regarding the payment of pertinent associated fees per the Hawaii Administrative Rule (HAR), Title 2, Chapter 71 (OIP Rules) that allows City Agencies, when processing HRS Chapter 92F record requests to charge aforementioned fees.

Sincerely,

Ross S. Sasamura, P.E. for Director and Chief Engineer