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Dear Mr. Kawaoka:

Subj: PETROLEUM CONTAMINATION AT NAVY'S INSTALLATION RESTORATION (IR) SITES

This letter documents an agreement reached between Region IX of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA Region IX), and the State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) during a Partnering Session held on April 10 and 11, 2001. At these meetings, all parties agreed to handle investigations for all Pearl Harbor IR sites found to be impacted solely by petroleum hydrocarbons outside of the FFA. These sites will be handled under the Hawaii State Contingency Plan (SCP). The two initial sites affected by this agreement are the Ewa Junction Fuel Drumming Facility (EJFDF) and the Red Hill Oily Waste Disposal Facility (Red Hill OWDF).

Investigations conducted at the EJFDF and OWDF have concluded that only petroleum hydrocarbons are present:

a. Two phases of remedial investigations conducted during the 1990s at the OWDF indicate that this site is contaminated only with petroleum hydrocarbons resulting from the handling of oily wash water generated by the cleaning of the Red Hill aboveground fuel storage tanks.

b. Two phases of remedial investigations conducted during the 1990s at the EJFDF have revealed that this site is contaminated only with petroleum hydrocarbons from a one-time, 300,000-gallon gasoline, third-party release by vandals that occurred in the early 1970s.

Therefore, in accordance with the recent partnering session among the parties, jurisdiction for future response actions at these two sites and other petroleum hydrocarbon-impacted sites will no longer be conducted under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. These investigations will be handled under the Hawaii Environmental Response Law (HERL).

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Sincerely,

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