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VIA EMAIL

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RE: Request for Access to Government Records under the Uniform Information Practices Act (Modified), HRS Chapter 92F
SPA MA 23-31, FAA/USCG Electrical Distribution Upgrade Project, TMK (2) 2-2-007:008 and 2-2-007:016, Haleakalā, Maui

Aloha Administrator Cain,

The Protect Haleakalā Community Collective submits this request for government records under the Uniform Information Practices Act (Modified), HRS Chapter 92F, including HRS § 92F-11, and the Office of Information Practices rules at HAR Chapter 2-71.

BACKGROUND

On October 20, 2022, OCCL received a Site Plan Approval application (SPA MA 23-31) from the Federal Aviation Administration. It proposed a new 500-foot electrical conduit from Hawaiian Electric pole E-5 to the FAA building on Haleakalā. The application described the existing conduit as 30 to 40 years old, with structural failures in multiple areas.

In its letter of October 25, 2022, OCCL stated that it was unable to process the application. It said that because the State is the landowner and a federal agency is the applicant, the applicant must comply with both Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and HRS Chapter 6E, as well as NEPA and HEPA, and must resubmit a revised SPA.

The Department of the Air Force's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the AMOS STAR project (January 2026, pp. 2-12 to 2-13) states that the Air Force "would accept responsibility of the existing conduit and power pole currently used by the FAA." We are asking for records showing what happened to the conduit work after October 25, 2022.

REQUEST

For the period January 1, 2022 to the date of your response:

1. The complete OCCL file for SPA MA 23-31 after October 25, 2022, including any resubmission (under this or a new file number), approval, conditions, denial, withdrawal, or closure.

2. Any other application, site plan approval, departmental permit, determination that no permit was required, or letter of no objection for conduit, cable, or electrical work on TMK (2) 2-2-007:008 or 2-2-007:016.

3. Correspondence between OCCL and any of the following about that work or the electrical service to the FAA facility:

the Federal Aviation Administration;
the U.S. Coast Guard;
the University of Hawai‘i Institute for Astronomy;
Hawaiian Electric Company; and
the U.S. Department of the Air Force or U.S. Space Force.

4. Any Section 106 or HRS Chapter 6E concurrence, or related SHPD correspondence, submitted to or received by OCCL for that work.

5. Any NEPA categorical exclusion or HRS Chapter 343 exemption submitted to OCCL for that work.

6. Any site inspection, complaint, notice, or enforcement record concerning conduit, cable, or electrical work on either parcel.

7. Any annual report the University of Hawai‘i submitted to DLNR for the Haleakalā High Altitude Observatory site that describes construction or utility work on either parcel.

Records already provided: the SPA MA 23-31 documents dated August through October 25, 2022, produced on September 25, 2026, need not be produced again.

If OCCL has no record of any approval, resubmission, or other authorization for this work, please state that in writing.

FORMAT AND FEES

Please provide records electronically (PDF) to the email address below. We request a waiver of fees under HAR § 2-71-32. Disclosure concerns the management of State-owned Conservation District land at Haleakalā, is in the public interest, and is not for commercial use. If fees will exceed the waiver, please provide an estimate before processing.

If any record or portion is withheld, please identify it, cite the specific UIPA exception relied on, and release all reasonably segregable portions. If the request is voluminous, we ask for incremental disclosure under HAR § 2-71-15, beginning with items 1 and 2.

We look forward to your response within the time required by HAR § 2-71-13.

Mahalo nui,

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