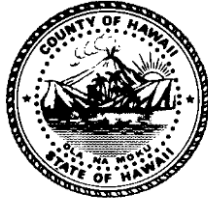


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SUBJECT: Acceptance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Puna Geothermal Venture Repower Project

Dear Director Evans,

With this letter, the County of Hawai'i Planning Department, **accepts** the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the "Puna Geothermal Venture Repower Project" as having fulfilled the requirements of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and Title 11, Chapter 200.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR). The procedures for assessment, consultation, review, preparation, and submission of the FEIS have been completed satisfactorily. The requirements have been satisfied, and comments submitted during the comment period have received satisfactory responses and have been appropriately incorporated into the FEIS.

The economic, social, and environmental impacts that would likely occur, should this project be implemented, are adequately described in the statement. The analysis, together with the comments made by reviewers, provide useful information to policy makers and the public.

My acceptance of the statement is an affirmation of the adequacy of that statement under the applicable laws.

Sincerely,

Zendo Kern
Zendo Kern (Jan 22, 2024 10:31 HST)

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