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ENGINEERING AND POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. CEB-3-06

TO: ENGINEERS, CONTRACTORS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: HENRY ENG, FAICP, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING

SUBJECT: NEW NPDES REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING NOTES

The City and County of Honolulu has received Permit No. HI S000002, authorizing discharges under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), from the State Department of Health ("DOH").

In accordance with our NPDES permit requirements [Part D, 1. d. (3); (a), (b), and (c)], we have implemented the following:

1. Two (2) new grading notes shall be added to grading plans, as follows:

   All grading and construction work shall implement measures to ensure that the discharge of pollutants from the construction site will be reduced to the maximum extent practicable and will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality standards.

   For all projects, which will disturb one (1) acre or more of land, the Contractor shall not start construction until a Notice of General Permit Coverage (NGPC) is received from the Department of Health, State of Hawaii, and has satisfied any other applicable requirements of the NPDES permit program. Also, for non-City and other non-governmental agency projects, the Contractor shall provide a written copy of the NGPC to the Permitting and Inspection Section, Civil Engineering Branch, D.P.P., at least seven (7) calendar days before the start of the construction. For City or other governmental projects, the Contractor should provide a written copy of the NGCP to the appropriate City department or governmental agency per their requirements.
2. Please be informed that before the City will issue a grading permit for any project requiring coverage under the DOH’s General Construction Activity Storm Water permit and/or any other applicable requirements of the NPDES permit program, the project operator shall provide proof of filing a Notice of Intent (NOI) or NPDES application for permit coverage and that a construction Best Management Practices Plan has been prepared. The project operator may provide the aforementioned proof to the Project Review Section, Civil Engineering Branch, during the time of construction plan review, or to the Permitting and Inspection Section, Civil Engineering Branch, at the time of applying for a grading permit.

Please be informed and take appropriate action with regard to the above requirements.

Should you have any questions, please call Marvin Fukagawa at 527-5066.

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