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**DOH ISSUES PERMIT FOR HU HONUA BIOENERGY FACILITY
IN PEPEEKEO**

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i State Department of Health's Clean Air Branch (DOH) has issued an air permit to Hu Honua Bioenergy, LLC for a Bioenergy Facility in Pepeekeo, Hawai'i. The permit allows the company to burn eucalyptus wood chips, other clean wood, and biodiesel to generate approximately 21.5 megawatts of electricity for the island of Hawai'i

After an extensive review over a period of two years of the Hu Honua Bioenergy's application and the comments received on the draft permit, the DOH has determined that the facility complies with all state and federal air pollution regulations. The final air permit requires the installation of various air pollution controls, establishes emission limits, and incorporates testing, monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

The issuance of the air permit follows two 30-day public comment periods, a public hearing and a 45-day U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) review period. During the public participation process, the DOH received hundreds of public comments and testimony on the draft air permit. Comments were also received from EPA. These comments resulted in many improvements and changes to the final air permit.

The permit, permit review summary and DOH responses to the comments are available at http://hawaii.gov/doh/huhonua_permit

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