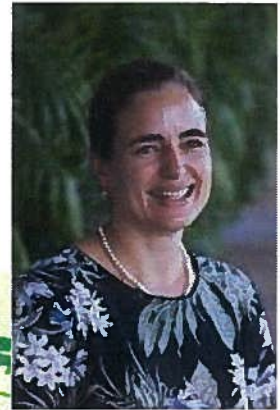


Environmental Council Notices

SEPTEMBER 8, 2006

UH professors recognized by Board of Regents for excellence in teaching

• **Denise Antolini**, an associate professor and director of the environmental law program at the William S. Richardson School of Law, UH Manoa. Her philosophy of teaching law is grounded in experience as a practitioner in high-profile public interest litigation and a clerkship with a federal judge. She helped turn the Environmental Law Program into a national model through her interactions and supportive roles with the law students. A college observed, "Denise is an absolutely first-rate teacher, mentor, colleague, administrator and inspiration to those who are fortunate to know her." **Excerpt from UH News. Posted August 28, 2006**



Federal Notices

Proposed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS) for a Proposal To Enhance Training, Testing, and Operational Capability Within the Hawai'i Range Complex

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and Executive Order 12114 (Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions), the Department of the Navy (DoN) announces its intent to prepare an EIS/OEIS. This EIS/OEIS will evaluate the potential environmental effects of increasing usage and enhancing the capability of the Hawai'i Range Complex (HRC) to achieve and maintain Fleet readiness and to conduct current, emerging, and future training and research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) operations.

The EIS/OEIS will consider two action Alternatives to accomplish these objectives, in addition to the No Action Alternative. The following will be invited to be cooperating agencies: Department of Energy, Missile Defense Agency, U.S. Army, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Marine Fisheries Service. Public scoping meetings will be held in Hawai'i to receive oral and/or written comments on environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS/OEIS. The public scoping meetings will be held on:

1. Wednesday, September 13, 2006, 4 p.m.–8 p.m., Maui Arts and Cultural Center, One Cameron Way, Kahului, Maui, Hawai'i.
2. Thursday, September 14, 2006, 4 p.m.–8 p.m., Disabled American Veterans Hall, 2685 North Nimitz Highway, Honolulu, O'ahu, Hawai'i.
3. Saturday, September 16, 2006, 4 p.m.–8 p.m., Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, 71 Banyan Drive, Hilo, Hawai'i, Hawai'i.
4. Monday, September 18, 2006, 4 p.m.–8 p.m., Kaua'i Civil Defense Agency, Suite 100, 3990 Ka'ana Street, Kaua'i, Lihue, Hawai'i.

Each of the four scoping meetings will consist of an informal, open house session with information stations staffed by DoN Representatives. Additional information concerning the meetings will be available on the EIS/OEIS Web page located at: <http://www.govsupport.us/navynepahawaii>.

For further information contact or comment: Mr. Tom Clements, Pacific Missile Range Facility, P.O. Box 128, Kekaha, Kaua'i, Hawai'i 96752-0128, telephone 1-866-767-3347. Written comments on the scope of the EIS/OEIS should be postmarked no later than October 13, 2006.

The HRC geographically encompasses offshore, near shore, and onshore areas located on or around the major islands of the Hawaiian Island chain. The geographic scope of this EIS/OEIS (Study Area) includes the Hawai'i Offshore Operation Areas, consisting of 170,000 square nautical miles of ocean, generally from 17 to 26 degrees north latitude and from 154 to 162 degrees west longitude, land areas used by the DoN within these Operation Areas, and the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Temporary Operating Area, consisting of 2.1 million square nautical miles to the north and west of Kaua'i. These ranges and Operation Areas are used to conduct operations and training involving military hardware, personnel, tactics, munitions, explosives, and electronic combat systems. Several of the areas are also used for RDT&E, including missile defense testing.

The DoN is initiating the scoping process to identify community concerns and local issues that will be addressed in the EIS/OEIS. Federal, state, and local agencies, the public and interested persons are encouraged to provide oral and/or written comments to the DoN to identify specific environmental issues or topics of environmental concern that the commenter believes the DoN should consider. All comments, written or provided orally at the scoping meetings, will receive the same consideration during EIS/OEIS preparation. [FR Doc. E6-14324 Filed 8-28-06; 8:45 am]