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Mr. Nisit A. Gainey
Director of Public Works
Department of the Army
Headquarters
United States Army Garrison, Hawaii
947 Wright Avenue, Wheeler Army Airfield
Schofield Barracks, Hawaii 96857-5013

Dear Mr. Gainey:

SUBJECT: Approval to Conduct Prescribed Burns Encompassing Approximately 1,707 Acres
Location: Schofield Barracks Military Range

The Department of Health (DOH), Clean Air Branch (CAB), received your letter requesting approval to conduct prescribed burns at the subject location from April 14 to 20, 2024, with alternate dates from May 12 to 18, 2024. The purpose of the burn is to reduce fuel loads to abate wildfire hazards, enhance ground visibility essential to conduct unexploded ordinance surface clearance, and to spport live fire training and utilization of the Schofield ranges. Conducting the prescribed burn is essential to significantly reduce the number and duration of uncontrolled wildfires in this area.

Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §11-60.1-52(a), prohibits open burning. Exceptions may be allowed under HAR §11-60.1-52(e)(1), including fires to abate a fire hazard as approved by the Director. The DOH hereby grants approval for this request.

As part of the approval, the following conditions shall be observed:

1. This approval only applies from **April 14 to 20, 2024, and May 12 to 18, 2024** at the subject location. After May 18, 2024, if further burning is required, a written request to the DOH shall be submitted and approval obtained prior to further burning;
2. Notify the CAB at (808) 586-4200 of the date and start time of the burn;
3. Provide the CAB at (808) 586-4200 with the name and telephone number of the person to contact if any questions or problems arise;
4. Do not burn during a "no-burn" period;
5. Notify the Military Federal Fire and Police Regional Dispatch Center (RDC) at (808) 474-2222 prior to burning;
6. Do not burn any treated lumber, plastics, rubber, hazardous materials, tires, lumber with lead paint or any other trash debris. Only organic fuels not chemically treated can be used as a fuel source;
7. Do not burn logs, tree stumps, tree limbs, or branches greater than four (4) inches in diameter. Logs, tree stumps, tree limbs, or branches must be removed from your piles or cut into pieces smaller than four (4) inches in diameter;

8. Provide a water source during the burn and completely extinguish the fire at the completion of the burn including any emissions of smoke;
9. An adult should attend the fire until the fire is completely extinguished;
10. Start the burn after **6:00 a.m**. and completely extinguish the fire, including any emissions of smoke, by **6:00 p.m.**;
11. Burn only controllable amounts so that the fire can be completely extinguished if smoke impacts neighbors in the area;
12. A copy of this approval letter shall be available at the burn site during the burn;
13. If visible smoke enters or impacts any neighbors, roads, buildings, or areas where the public has unrestricted access, burning shall stop and fire completely extinguished, including any smoldering;
14. Take reasonable precautions to control fugitive dust and soil runoff from the area after the completion of the burn; and
15. Comply with all government (e.g., state, county, and federal) directives and proclamations that are in effect.

Please be aware that open burning of other wastes and/or at other locations is not allowed and is a violation of Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 342B-11 and HAR §11-60.1-52(a).

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lisa Young of my staff at (808) 586-4200.

Sincerely,

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Manager, Clean Air Branch

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c: Lyle Leonard, Deputy Attorney General, State of Hawaii
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