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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Notice of Approval of a
RCRA Permit Application for
Johnston Atoll

EPA ID. NO. TT9-570-090-002
Final Permit Decision

INTRODUCTION

This document provides notice of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) final decision to issue the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit to the United States Air Force, as facility owner and operator, for corrective action at Johnston Atoll. Johnston Atoll is an island complex located in the Pacific Ocean about 717 nautical miles west-southwest of Hawaii ("Johnston Atoll" or "JA" or "Facility").

On October 31, 2018, EPA issued a Notice of Intent to Approve a RCRA Permit application. The Permit authorizes the Air Force to conduct Corrective Action at the Facility. This final Permit continues implementation of remedies selected in previous RCRA permits for SWMUs at this Facility, and does not allow storage, treatment or disposal of hazardous waste.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public comment period was open from October 31, 2018 to December 19, 2018. EPA notified commenters on the 2004 permit modification and the 2002 permit of the availability of the 2018 proposed draft permit. A public notice was printed in the Honolulu Star Advertiser legal section on October 31, 2018. EPA received no comments on the proposed draft permit.

FINAL DECISION

As there were no comments received during the Public Comment period, the final Permit will be issued as was proposed on October 31, 2018. In accordance with the regulations, since there were no comments requesting a change in the draft permit, the permit becomes effective immediately upon issuance. The permit was finalized and became effective December 21, 2018 and will remain in effect until December 21, 2028.