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**Corps of Engineers' Pacific Regional Visitor Center Presents
Partnering In The Pacific Panel Discussion "Stormwater"**

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 5, 2005 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Location: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pacific Regional Visitor Center, 2nd floor
Battery Randolph, in RVC theater area

Parking: Validated parking available at the corner of Kalia and Saratoga Roads,
Waikiki (bring ticket to RVC for validation)

(Honolulu, April 1, 2005 – NR-03-05) - The "Stormwater" panel discussion presents an opportunity to learn more about recent partnering activities in Hawaii, including erosion control, beach water quality monitoring, scientific research on heavy metals, policies and programs that focus on agricultural and urban pollution control management measures.

This panel discussion is open to the public and focuses on laws and government programs which have evolved to monitor and strive to improve storm water runoff as a condition of the Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit that relates to the discharge of storm water runoff into the ocean. Partnering and building relationships that facilitate a mix of authorities and resources are also important to meet clean water and other natural resources goals.

In Hawaii, many agencies have also integrated the concept of "ahupua`a" as an approach to environmental land use management. This approach recognizes the relationship between activities on the upland and those on the shoreline and near shore waters. The ahupua`a approach focuses on streams as the connecting link between the mountains and the sea.

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2-2-2 STORMWATER PANEL

Panel Discussion Topics include:

2:00—2:20 pm Carl Evensen, PhD, University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
Water Quality Programs at UH CTAHR

2:20—2:40 pm Watson Okubo, State of Hawaii Department of Health Clean Water Branch
Statewide Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program

2:40—3:00 pm Eric DeCarlo, PhD, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Department of Oceanography
Water Quality and Material Fluxes in Southern Kaneohe Bay: Impacts of Sediment and Nutrient Inputs from the Ahupua`a and Physical Processes on Primary Production and Community Structure of the Bay

3:00—3:20 pm Randall Wakumoto, City & County of Honolulu Storm Water Branch
Storm Water Quality Improvements in Waikiki

3:20—3:30 pm Open Forum

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pacific Regional Visitor Center (RVC) is located on the west end of Waikiki, next to the Hale Koa Hotel and on the 2nd floor of historic Battery Randolph at Fort DeRussy, Oahu, Hawaii. Battery Randolph is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and is one of 16 coastal fortifications built by the Corps between 1906 and 1917 for the protection of Honolulu and Pearl harbors. The RVC is a federal civil works project. Construction of the center was completed March 1983 and the center was opened to the public in May 1983.

The theme of the regional visitor's center is "U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Partnering in the Pacific." Exhibits, interpretive presentations and outreach education are designed to stimulate interest and convey information on water resources planning and environmental stewardship. Planning and environmental stewardship calls for a holistic watershed approach and integrates the ahupua`a concept, historic conditions, current issues and future possibilities with our partners to create a sustainable future. Projects comply with Federal, State and local environmental laws and regulations to restore project sites, prevent environmental impacts such as pollution and habitat destruction, and conserve and protect the long-term availability of natural and cultural resources at project sites.

For more information on the Partnering in the Pacific Panel Discussion program please contact Iwalani Sato, Pacific Regional Visitor Center, Civil Works Technical Branch, Honolulu Engineer District at 438-2815 / 438-4112 or email IwalaniSato@hawaii.rr.com.