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## **Corps of Engineers Honors Hawaii DLNR Chairperson**

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**(FORT SHAFTER, HI – NR-41-06)**Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Charles H.

Klinge honored Peter Young, Chairperson, Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), at the District's annual awards townhall meeting Dec. 4 for his leadership and teamwork efforts in a recent Corps project.

Lt. Col. Klinge presented the Hui O' Loa (best team) Award to Young and other members of the Corps' Dam Visual Conditions Survey Project Delivery Team (PDT), which was formed by the Corps and the State of Hawaii after the privately-owned Kaloko (Kauai) reservoir dam breached March 14, 2006. The breach caused an estimated 400 million gallons of water to speed down-slope causing damage to homes, roads and the death of seven people.

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The Corps conducted the state of Hawaii-funded survey under the direction of the DLNR Dam Safety Officer and inspected 87 dams on the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Molokai and Oahu to help identify any potential danger to the public after weeks of rain had caused wide-spread flooding in the spring of 2006.

The survey team, led by Honolulu District Hydraulic Engineer Derek Chow, included geotechnical and emergency management experts from the state of Hawaii, the Corps' Honolulu District and Pacific Ocean Division, the Corps' Engineering Research Development Center, the state of Hawaii Department of Agriculture and personnel from other Corps districts as well as support staff.

According to Klinge, Young was instrumental in guiding the PDT to deliver "a high quality project in terms of budget, schedule, quality, customer satisfaction and safety."

Young said the state of Hawaii DLNR relies heavily on the Corps to accomplish its objectives.

"We have an important partnership with the Corps which helps us fulfill our mission," Young said. "I think a lot of folks don't realize the many interfaces we have with the Corps. They continually assist us in a variety of ways," Young said.

DLNR manages natural and cultural resources within the state's public lands and waters.

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### **3-3-3 CORPS DLNR**

“We overlap on so many missions, from engineering and flood control to sediment management. That’s one reason our partnership with the Corps is so critical,” Young said.

Young says it’s good to be able to count on the Corps’ assistance in emergency situations and its expertise for a variety of projects.

Young added that one of DLNR’s greatest challenges is finding funding resources for their many projects.

“That’s another reason our relationship with the Corps is so crucial. We have to be careful to stay away from duplicating our efforts. That way we maximize the benefits of the taxpayers’ money,” Young said. Young added that coordinating activities help keep costs low and benefits all inhabitants of Hawaii—human, plant and wildlife.

The DLNR and the Corps work closely together on a number of civil works projects to make harbors safe and help manage Hawaii’s abundance of natural and cultural resources.

More recently the Corps provided structural inspections of high-hazard dams and other public structures on the island of Hawaii after the Oct. 15 6.7 and 6.0 magnitude earthquakes rattled the Waikoloa area.

The FEMA-funded Corps survey team inspected 15 schools, four hospitals, 29 public buildings, 35 bridges, 86 dams and one tunnel.