HAWAII ASPHALT PAVING INDUSTRY

August 31, 2005

Attention:

To Whom It May Concern

Subject:

Position of the Hawaii Asphalt Paving Industry on the Use of MC-30 in

Hawaii.

It is the position of the Hawaii Asphalt Paving Industry [HAPI] that cutback asphalt, including MC-30, is a hazardous material that can pose a significant threat to Hawaii's environment, including our streams, lakes, and ocean. In addition, fumes released during the application of MC-30 contain volatile organic compounds that can present a hazard to human health. Under Hawaii's State Contingency Plan, MC-30 is considered a hazardous substance.

Accordingly, HAPI respectfully requests that private contractors and local, state, and federal agencies remove MC-30 and other cutback asphalts from paving specifications. HAPI recommends that alternative materials for prime coat, such as asphalt emulsion, be substituted.

HAPI has unanimously resolved to make every effort to discontinue the practice of using cutback asphalt as prime coat in Hawaii. We have researched the practices of asphalt pavers across the United States and found that the use of cutback asphalt has been largely eliminated. The discontinuance of MC-30 is consistent with the stated goals of the State of Hawaii Department of Accounting and General Services and, in May of this year, we received an encouraging letter of support from Senator Daniel Akaka. Thus, we believe that our resolution has broad appeal.

Resolved,

The Hawaii Asphalt Paving Industry

John Dupuis, President