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## Public Notice

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COASTAL  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

**DATE: September 10, 2014**

**NOTICE:** Pursuant to 15 CFR §923.84(b)(4), the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' (CNMI) Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) gives notice of the routine program changes made to the CNMI's Coastal Management Program (CMP), as approved to date by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Approved changes to the CNMI's CMP are outlined in the table below. The approval letters from NOAA are attached to this notice.

Date of Approval from NOAA	Description of Action
April 4, 1986	Routine program change
April 29, 1987	New regulations concerning jet skis and changes to existing regulations on minor permits
January 20, 1991	Adoption of Public Law 7-3, which added the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation as a coastal resources management agency
December 18, 1992	Revisions to: submission requirements for major siting applications, adding new conditions to Section 8 requiring erosion control and drainage plans, adding a new clause that documents must be submitted in English units
December 28, 1994	Modifies the fee for extending a Major Permit Application
February 2, 1995	Relocation of jet ski operations to Chalan Laulau
May 7, 1996	Create a Coastal Hazards Area of Particular Concern (APC)
April 8, 2006	Addition of Coastal Resources Management Rules and Regulations and three sets of Division of Environmental Quality regulations to CMP

For additional information about this notice or other aspects of the CNMI Coastal Management Program, please contact DCRM at 670-664-8311.



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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
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Washington, D.C. 20235

APR - 4 1986

Ms. Tami Grove  
Acting Administrator  
Coastal Resources Management Office  
Office of the Governor  
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Ms. *Grove*:

Thank you for your March 7, 1986 letter providing the necessary public notice documentation requested in our letter of February 7, 1986. We reviewed Public Law 3-47 and the revised regulations (Commonwealth Register Vol. 7 No. 3) and concur with your finding that these changes constitute routine program implementation. Therefore, we approve the incorporation of these changes into the Northern Mariana Islands' Coastal Management Program, pursuant to 15 CFR 923.84. Federal consistency will apply when you publish notice of our approval.

Sincerely,

*Peter L. Tweedt*  
Peter L. Tweedt  
Director





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APR 29 1987

Mr. Robert Rudolph  
Acting Administrator  
Coastal Resources Management Office  
Office of the Governor  
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Mr. Rudolph:

Thank you for your March 27, 1987 letter providing the necessary public notice documentation requested in our letter of February 24, 1987. We reviewed the new regulations concerning jet skis and changes to the existing regulations on minor permits, and concur with your finding that these changes constitute routine program implementation. Therefore, we approve the incorporation of these changes into the Northern Mariana Islands' Coastal Management Program, pursuant to 15 CFR 923.84. Federal consistency will apply when you publish notice of our approval.

Sincerely,

*Jamer P. Burger*  
for Peter L. Tweedt  
Director







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Joaquin P. Villagomez  
Administrator  
Coastal Resources Management Office  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Office of the Governor  
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Mr. Villagomez: *Joaquin,*

Thank you for your January 20, 1991 resubmittal of the request to incorporate changes to Public Law 7-3 and changes to the Coastal Resources Management Regulations (1987 and 1990) into the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP). We found the public notices to be adequate, although we encourage you to expand the list of Federal agencies for future program change requests. We now concur with your finding that the changes to the CRMP and adoption of Public Law 7-3 constitute routine program implementation. We hereby approve their incorporation into the CRMP pursuant to 15 C.F.R. 923.84. Federal consistency will apply to these changes when you publish notice of our approval.

Sincerely,

*Tim Keeney*

Timothy R. E. Keeney  
Director

*Best of luck to you. I have for  
connections was wish. I hope you  
continue to get the great job you have  
been doing.*





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DEC 18 1992

Joaquin P. Villagomez  
Administrator  
Coastal Resources Management Office  
Office of the Governor  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Villagomez:

Thank you for the Coastal Resources Management November 16, 1992 request to make changes through routine program implementation of the Northern Mariana Islands Coastal Zone Management Program. The revisions include: changes to the submission requirements for major siting applications; adding new conditions to Section 8 requiring erosion control and drainage plans; and, adding a new clause that documents must be submitted in English units.

After thorough analysis of this submittal, we have concluded that these changes constitute routine program implementation and we approve these changes pursuant to 15 CFR § 923.84. Federal consistency will apply when the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands publishes notice of our approval.

Sincerely,

*James P. Lawless*  
for Trudy Coxé  
Director





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DEC 18 1994

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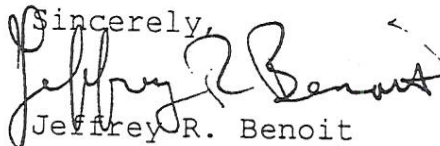
Manuel C. Sablan, Administrator  
Coastal Resources Management Office  
Office of the Governor, CNMI  
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Mr. Sablan:

Thank you for your November 21, 1994 request to the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) to modify the fee for extending a Coastal Resources Management Office's (CRMO) Major Permit Application.

OCRM has reviewed this request and concurs with your finding that this change represents a routine program implementation. OCRM therefore approves the modification of the fee pursuant to 15 CFR §923.84.

Please contact Matthew Arnn at (301) 713-3121 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,  
  
Jeffrey R. Benoit  
Director



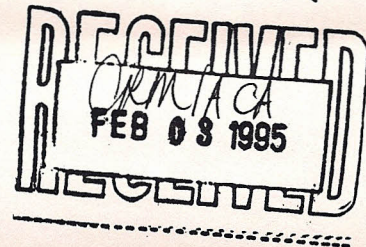




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FEB 2 1995

Manuel Sablan  
Administrator  
Coastal Resources Management Office  
Office of the Governor, CNMI  
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950



Dear Mr. Sablan:

Thank you for your January 9, 1995 request to the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) to modify jet ski regulations for the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO), and the subsequent provision of additional information on the Chalan Laulau area and the CRMO's jet ski operation permitting requirements.

OCRM has reviewed this request resubmittal and relevant information and now concurs with your finding that this change represents a routine program implementation. OCRM therefore approves the modification pursuant to 15 CFR §923.84.

OCRM is confident that our initial concerns over the suitability of Chalan Laulau to jet ski operations will be managed in the permitting process and that the relocation of jet ski operations from less suitable areas to Chalan will eventually ensue as indicated in your RPI package.

Please contact Matthew Arnn at (301) 713-3121 ext. 183 if you have any further questions regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Benoit  
Director







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MAY - 7 1996

Manuel C. Sablan, Director  
Coastal Resources Management Division  
Department of Lands and Natural Resources  
2nd Floor Morgen Building, San Jose  
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Mr. Sablan:

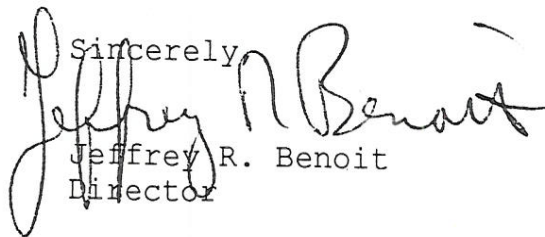
Thank you for your March 28, 1996 request to the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management to create in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a Coastal Hazards Area of Particular Concern.

OCRM has reviewed this request and concurs with your finding that this change represents a routine program implementation. OCRM therefore approves the modification pursuant to 15 CFR §923.84.

We are hopeful that the designation will serve as a basis for future efforts in hazards planning and encourage your participation in the OCRM Hazards Mitigation Workshop, scheduled for August 11-13 in Honolulu.

Please contact Matthew Arnn at (301) 713-3121 x183 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey R. Benoit  
Director





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APR 18 2006

Dr. John Joyner  
Director, Coastal Resources Management  
P.O. Box 10007, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Morgen Building  
San Jose Saipan, MP 96950  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Dear Dr. Joyner:

Thank you for the Coastal Resource Management Office's December 12, 2005, request that changes to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Coastal Resources Management Rules and Regulations and Department of Environmental Quality regulations be incorporated into the CNMI Coastal Management Program (CMP). You requested that changes to the Coastal Resources Management Rules and Regulations and three sets of Division of Environmental Quality regulations described below be incorporated as routine program changes (RPCs), pursuant to Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) regulations at 15 C.F.R. part 923, subpart H, and Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) Program Change Guidance (July 1996). OCRM received the request on December 12, 2005, and OCRM's decision deadline was extended until April 18, 2006.

Based on our review of your submission, we concur that the changes to the CNMI Coastal Resources Management Rules and Regulations and three sets of Division of Environmental Quality regulations are RPCs, and we approve the incorporation of the changes as enforceable policies of the CNMI CMP. Federal Consistency will apply to the approved changes only after you publish notice of this approval pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 923.84(b)(4). Please include in the public notice the list of changes to enforceable policies provided in this letter, and please send a copy of the notice to OCRM.

**SECTIONS APPROVED**

Name/Description of State Law/Regulation/Policy Added or Removed from CMP (all sections are added to CMP unless noted otherwise)	State Legal Citation	Date Adopted by State	Date Effective in State
"Part 001 – General Provisions: Definitions"	Subsections to 15-10-020	12/27/2002; 02/23/2004	02/23/2004
"Part 200 - CRM Permit Process: Application"	Subsections to 15-10-205	12/27/2002; 02/23/2004	02/23/2004
"Part 200 - CRM Permit Process: Decision on CRM Application"	Subsections to 15-10-230	02/23/2004	02/23/2004
"Part 300 - Standards for CRM Permit Issuance: General Criteria for all CRM Permits"	Subsections to 15-10-305	12/27/2002; 02/23/2004	02/23/2004
"Part 300 - Standards for CRM Permit Issuance: Specific Criteria, Areas of Particular Concern"	Subsections to 15-10-310	12/27/2002; 02/23/2004	02/23/2004





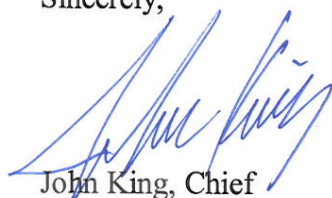
Name/Description of State Law/Regulation/Policy Added or Removed from CMP (all sections are added to CMP unless noted otherwise)	State Legal Citation	Date Adopted by State	Date Effective in State
"Part 500 – Standards for Determining of a Major Siting: Specific Criteria for Major Sitings"	Subsections to 15-10-505	12/27/2002; 02/23/2004	02/23/2004
"Part 600 - CRM Permit Conditions: Mandatory Conditions"	Subsection to 15-10-610	02/23/2004	02/23/2004
"Part 700 - CRM Permit Amendment: Transfer of Interest"	Section 15-10-705	02/23/2004	02/23/2004
"Part 800 - Enforcement of CRM Permits: Permit Enforcement Notice"	Subsection to 15-10-815	02/23/2004	02/23/2004
"Part 800 - Enforcement of CRM Permits: Remedies"	Subsection to 15-10-830	02/23/2004	02/23/2004
"Part 1200 - CRM Public Records: Retention"	Subsection to 15-10-1201	12/27/2002	12/27/2002
"DEQ Well Drilling and Well Operations Regulations: Purpose"	Subsections to Section 2	12/17/2004	12/17/2004
"DEQ Well Drilling and Well Operations Regulations: Groundwater Management Zones"	Subsections to Section 25	12/17/2004	12/17/2004
"DEQ Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Rules and Regulations: Definitions"	Subsections to Section 3	11/27/2002	11/27/2002
"DEQ Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Rules and Regulations: Animal Waste Management"	Subsections to Section 20	11/27/2002	11/27/2002
"DEQ Water Quality Standards: Classification and Establishment of Water Use Areas"	Subsection to Section 6	09/24/2004	09/24/2004
"DEQ Water Quality Standards: Specific Water Quality Criteria"	Subsections to Section 8	09/24/2004	09/24/2004
"DEQ Water Quality Standards: Mixing Zone in Receiving Waters"	Subsection to Section 9	09/24/2004	09/24/2004

### **PUBLIC AND FEDERAL AGENCY COMMENTS**

OCRM received no comments on this RPC submission.

Thank you for your cooperation in this review. Please contact John Parks at (808) 532-5563 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John King, Chief  
Coastal Programs Division