



Future of the Oahu Community Correctional Center

Additional Studies Underway at Animal Quarantine Station

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The State of Hawaii is moving ahead with plans to develop a much-needed replacement for the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) on the site of the Animal Quarantine Station (AQS) in Aiea/Halawa.

Subsurface Investigations Conducted

A comprehensive and thorough understanding of subsurface conditions within the AQS property is an essential part of the planning process and plays an important role in the determining optimum locations for OCCC structures, whether conditions exist that will require special engineering designs, and in estimating the cost of site preparation and foundation construction. To address those topics, a preliminary geotechnical program of the AQS property (east of H-3) is underway involving soil borings, soil sampling and laboratory testing, subsurface analysis, and groundwater measurements. Common to such investigations is the need to determine on-site features and building foundation systems as well as to identify any unfavorable surface and subsurface conditions that may limit development or require additional stabilization or foundation and footing design methods or soil remediation prior to construction. The results of the investigation will provide the OCCC Team with the information necessary to finalize the siting of the buildings, develop footing and foundation strategies, and help refine construction cost estimates.



Soil borings at Animal Quarantine Station (Geolabs, August 2020).

Building Surveys Underway

The AQS property contains two Department of Agriculture administrative buildings, cat holding areas, over 1,600 dog kennels, a large animal holding facility, a maintenance shop, two duplex houses, a cottage, and a water shed. To develop the new OCCC, all these structures will require demolition. Prior to demolitions, a survey is being performed consisting of a visual examination of the buildings and structures planned for removal. The survey involves the collection of building material samples and laboratory analysis to determine whether any hazardous materials exist and if so to what extent and their locations.



Material samplings at Animal Quarantine Station (Myounghee Noh & Assoc., August 2020).

At the conclusion of the sampling and laboratory testing a survey report will be prepared to present the findings. The report will be used by the OCCC Team to evaluate any concerns during the demolition phase and need for special handling or construction worker safety measures.

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