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To: "Roberto Torres" <RJT@nrc.gov>
Date: Thu, Jul 28, 2005 1:28 PM
Subject: RE: Request for point of contact in USDA

Mr. Torres,

I agree that our customers may be interested. What role do you see NRCS playing other than outreach assistance?

Jolene

-----Original Message-----

From: Roberto Torres [mailto:RJT@nrc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2005 2:47 AM
To: Lau, Jolene - Honolulu, HI
Cc: Carol.E.Russell@aphis.usda.gov; vernon.harrington@usda.gov
Subject: RE: Request for point of contact in USDA

Jolene:

I'll call Vernon or Carol. However, one purpose of the irradiator is to irradiate any agricultural products (tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers, fruits) anything that can host a fruit-fly larvae. The other purpose is to kill bacteria. According to a local Hawaiian newspaper, Lyle Wong, administrator of the State Dept. of Agriculture's Plant Industry Division, stated that this project has the potential to open up new export markets for Hawaii produce that have quarantine restrictions on it because Hawaii has fruit flies.
(<http://starbulletin.com/2005/07/27/news/story3.html>)

I believe private landowners might be interested in knowing what is being proposed by Pa'ina Hawaii, LLC, and attend our public meetings.

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Mr. Torres,

Sorry I missed your call. I'm pretty sure you're thinking of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. You may want to call Vernon Harrington or Carol Russell at (808) 541-1980. Our agency works primarily with private landowners. If I can be of further assistance, please give me a call.

Jolene

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From: Roberto Torres [mailto:RJT@nrc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2005 10:02 AM
To: Lau, Jolene - Honolulu, HI
Cc: Tony Gaines; Jack Whitten
Subject: Request for point of contact in USDA

This email is a followup to the message that I left in your voicemail (808-541-2600 Ext. 135). The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), RIV in Arlington, Texas, received a request from Pa'ina Hawaii, LLC, for the installation of an underwater pool type commercial irradiator. The proposed location is nearby the Honolulu airport (see attached press release). NRC Region IV needs to identify a point of contact in USDA Hawaii with whom we can share technical information (soil, fruit, etc.). NRC plans to conduct several public meetings and prelicensing visits in Hawaii during the construction phase. We also plan to meet with Federal (USDA, USGS, FDA), State, and local representatives in Hawaii starting in early August 2005.

Please identify a USDA point of contact via reply email to Jack Whitten, Branch Chief, Anthony D. Gaines, and Roberto Torres. Thank you.

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