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Press release from U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

## Honorable Senator Akaka:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), RIV in Arlington, Texas, received a request from Pa'ina Hawaii, LLC, for the construction of an underwater pool type commercial irradiator for the irradiation of food. The proposed location is nearby the Honolulu airport (attached is pdf copy of the press release issued by NRC). NRC Region IV wants to inform Senator Akaka of the receipt of this license application in case your office receives inquiries from your constituents.

NRC plans to conduct several public meetings and prelicensing visits in Hawaii before and during the construction phase. NRC plans to meet with Federal (USGS, USDA, FDA), State, and local representatives in Hawaii starting the week of August 8, 2005.

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