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SUBJECT: The following is the Chronology on the blowout of the PCV Well provided by
the County of Hawaii Planning Department for your internal use.

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CHRONOLOGY OF BLOWOUT AT PGV WELL KS-8

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- 12 June Blowout at 1106 PM (Wednesday night).
- 14 June Well shut in at 630 AM (Friday morning).
- Planning Director informs N J Clark that drilling at the PGV site is temporarily suspended.
- 20 June DOH informs N J Clark that its permits are temporarily suspended.
- 25 July Independent Technical Investigation Reports publicly distributed and public meeting held at Pahoa.
- 26 July Planning Director informs N J Clark that we are "suspending all further activities at the PGV site exclusive of efforts to fully control KS-8."
- 30 July Mayor signs proclamation declaring "state of emergency exists in bringing well KS-8 to a condition which no longer threatens the health, welfare and safety of the surrounding community."
- 07 Aug Drilling of MW-3 begins.
- 20 Aug Task Force meeting at DBEDT (1st meeting).
- 23 Aug Task Force meeting at Civil Defense (2nd meeting). County receives additions to Action Plan, provides State comments on first portion.
- 30 Aug MS-3 completed; pressure tested piping.
- 05 Sep Receive "PGV's Response to the Independent Technical Reports, Elements I, II, III (Parts I and II)."
- 10 Sep Temperature logging at KS-3 results in H₂S emissions and allegations of another blowout.
- 12 Sep Initial meeting of Governor's Task Force on Relocation called by DBEDT, attended by DLNR, DOH, HFDC, AG, and Greg Pommerenk of KCA.

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- 18 Sep PGV cited for KS-8 blowout of June 12-14 and failure to suspend all further activities at the PGV site exclusive of efforts to fully control KS-8 (\$2000) and for conducting temperature logging at KS-3, which was a suspended activity (\$1000).
- 27 Sep PGV delivers \$3000 to Planning Department for fines.
- 01 Oct DLNR informs Mayor that KS-8 has been officially declared secured and under control.
- 02 Oct Mayor announces that emergency declared on July 30, 1991 has ended (by Proclamation).
- 29 Oct Planning Director served with Complaint for a Declaratory Judgment and Injunctive Relief and Summons filed in 1st Circuit Court by Wao Kele o Puna, et al.
- 26 Nov Meeting at Civil Defense at 0930 AM re. Geothermal Emergency Planning and Preparedness with DOH, HCDA, Police, Fire. Receive DOH's Geothermal Emergency Action Levels for Noise and H₂S.
- 09 Dec DOH letter to HCDA notifying acceptance of the revised ERP.
- 10 Dec Meeting of Task Force with Mayor and Governor.
DLNR informs Planning Director that it has approved PGV's Amended Plan of Operations, which would allow the resumption of geothermal development activities.
- 11 Dec DOH letters to community associations regarding formation of Advisory Committee.
- 27 Dec DOH personnel and HCDA personnel meet to discuss ERP issues which appeared to require resolution.
- 30 Meeting of Mayor and Governor.
DOH issues ATC for mobile steam boiler for Service Test.

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- 09 Jan DOE responds to HCDA comments, provides several pages of amended ERP text.
- 13 Jan DOE issues two revised ATC for 25 MW power plant and 14 exploratory/development wells.
- 14 Jan Planning Director's letter to PGV allowing them to proceed with Service Test using mobile steam boiler upon compliance with certain conditions.
- 16 Jan Relocation Task Force meeting at DBEDT.
Meeting with Leilani, Kapoho, Lanipuna Gardens Community Association officers (and Robert Petricci and Penny Shaver) and Geothermal Task Force members.
- 17 Jan Meeting with larger landowners (Arthur Lyman, Bill Craddick, John Tolmie).
Planning Director issues press release on Service Test at PGV site using mobile steam boiler.
- 21 Jan Service Test begins with final checking of mobile equipment, no steam generated.
- 22 Jan Service Test using steam begins.
- 23 Jan Task Force meeting at Civil Defense, 0900 to 1300.