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James Baginski has over 25 years of environmental engineering experience and has been with the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services since 1993. In 1995, he was promoted to the Regulatory Control Branch Head where he oversees a staff of 16 engineers, investigators and support technicians and is responsible for development and implementation of the Pretreatment Program, as well as, coordinating the City's Wastewater Effluent and Biosolids Reuse Programs.

Mr. Baginski also served as Assistant Chief of the Department's Environmental Quality Division and Collection System Maintenance Division where he developed and implemented a system to provide vital collection system condition information directly to the pretreatment program for investigation and enforcement. He initiated the Department's ongoing smoke testing program which identifies sources of infiltration and inflow that contribute to wet weather wastewater spills. These efforts in the areas of Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) control, collection systems and grease interceptor sizing have been a major component in eliminating Honolulu's commercial related grease caused spills and the grease interceptor sizing criteria was the basis for the 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code's grease interceptor sizing criteria. Mr. Baginski has served as an expert witness in FOG control program litigation and he has presented Honolulu's FOG control program development at numerous national environmental and technical conferences and workshops over the years.

Mr. Baginski is also a private consultant specializing in pretreatment program and FOG program development, as well as, general construction management, engineering and foreman services for building and bridge construction projects. He has served as an expert witness for pretreatment program related litigation and has been an instructor for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's pretreatment training and Hawaii's Statewide Training Program.

Mr. Baginski earned his BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Vermont and has been a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Hawaii since 1991.