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**USDA ANNOUNCES NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON SOLID WASTE MOVEMENT
FROM HAWAII TO OREGON**

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is advising the public that a site-specific environmental assessment, pest risk assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared by APHIS relative to a request to allow the interstate movement of garbage from Hawaii to a landfill in the state of Oregon. The environmental analysis has been prepared to determine whether the request is consistent with the environmental effects and impacts analyzed in our February 2008 regional programmatic environmental assessment. The pest risk assessment evaluates the risks associated with the interstate movement of garbage from Hawaii to Oregon. Based on the finding of no significant impact, APHIS has determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

This notice is scheduled for publication in the Jan. 6 *Federal Register*.

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