

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REPUBLIC
PALAU ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REGULATIONS

2401-61-11 Reimbursement of Fees; Independent Preparer Required

(A) Independent Third Party Preparer

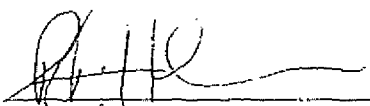
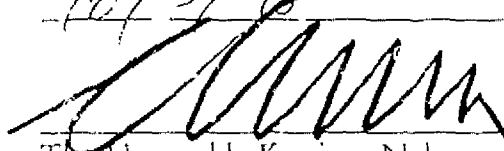
(3) In order to choose the independent third party who will prepare the applicant's environmental impact statement, the Board shall prepare a list of consultants qualified in the preparation of environmental impact statements. The list shall be prepared annually by soliciting statements of qualifications for environmental consultants, which shall be evaluated by an internal review based on publicly announced criteria.

(4) The applicant shall select the independent third party to prepare the environmental impact statement for the applicant's project from the list compiled by the Board. A contract for services shall then be negotiated and executed between the selected consultant and the applicant. The applicant and consultant must consult with and receive the approval of the Board regarding the negotiated scope of work for the project, before the contract is signed.

(5) The applicant shall pay in advance for the preparation of the environmental impact statement prior to the commencement of work under the contract. These monies shall be held in an escrow account by EQPB until such time as the monies are disbursed to the consultant.

(B) Reimbursement for Monitoring, Inspection, and Miscellaneous Expenses Incurred By The Board.

(2) The applicant shall reimburse the Board for expenses it incurs during the preparation and review of the environmental impact statement, including mailing, facsimile, telephone, copying, transportation, and any fees paid to specialists required to review the environmental impact statement.

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Changes to the regulation are in bold