

Office of the Chancellor

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**Subject: Comments Received on Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Final  
Environmental Impact Statement  
Thirty Meter Telescope Observatory Project  
Maunakea, Hawai'i Island**

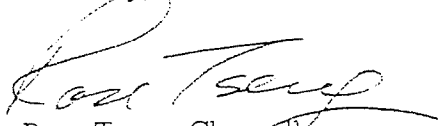
Dear Dwight Vicente:

The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) Project on May 23, 2009. This letter is in response to substantive comments received from you on the Draft EIS during the comment period, which concluded July 7, 2009. The Final EIS identifies the "13-North" (13N) site as the Project, as the Draft EIS did, and this site remains the focus of the Final EIS. The selection of the 13N site was based on consideration of the impacts of both the 13N site and the Project alternatives considered.

The attached provides a copy of the comments received from you and responses to those comments in a side-by-side format.

UH Hilo appreciates your interest in the Project. The Final EIS, a copy of which is included on the enclosed CD, has been issued in conjunction with the distribution of this letter. Acceptance of the Final EIS by the Governor of the State of Hawai'i is the next anticipated action and will conclude the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343 environmental review process for this Project. If you have any questions, please call Helen Rogers at (808) 974-7444.

Sincerely,

  
Rose Tseng, Chancellor  
University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Attachment/Enclosure

Response to your comments  
CD with Final EIS

**Exhibit Q-11 p.1**