

Kalaupapa National Historical Park New Fuel Facility

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Introduction

The National Park Service (NPS) is inviting comments on a proposal to construct a new fuel facility in Kalaupapa National Historical Park in the Kalaupapa Settlement, located on the island of Molokai in Hawai'i. The NPS is conducting civic engagement in support of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Purpose

The purpose of this project is to provide Kalaupapa National Historical Park and the settlement with a reliable fuel facility that is safe, easily serviceable, and complies with federal regulations. Management of the Kalaupapa Settlement is transitioning to the NPS as described in the 2021 Kalaupapa General Management Plan. The NPS will be responsible for providing fuel for park and community operations when the current fuel facility is decommissioned by the State of Hawaii. The tanks at the current facility are at the end of their 30-year warranty and the tank configuration does not provide modern environmental protection against spills and leaks. In addition, the current facility is located within the tsunami inundation zone and the new fuel facility will be located outside the tsunami inundation zone and include above ground storage tanks with modern spill and leak prevention and containment. The preferred site was selected because it will result in minimal impacts to cultural resources and natural resources. The site was cleared in the past for agricultural uses and grazing and does **not** have native plants, native animals, or archeological features.

Project Description

This project will construct a new fuel facility and dispensing system to serve the entire Kalaupapa Settlement fuel needs. The work will include the installation of five (5) 5,000-gallon modular, above ground, double-walled fuel storage tanks, a fuel dispensing and monitoring system, site clearing & grubbing, a concrete pad to support the fuel tanks and appurtenances, road improvements to safely fuel vehicles and deliver fuel to tanks, and an extension of telecommunications and electrical service to the site to control the dispensing system. The project includes about 1,400 feet of trenching along Damien Road to bring power and telecom to the site.

All supplies, materials, and equipment would be transported to the peninsula by barge. The equipment and materials would be unloaded and stored in a designated staging area. At the end of the project supplies, materials, equipment, and construction/domestic debris would be removed from the island. Vehicles and equipment would travel on existing roads within the settlement to access the site. No interruption in fuel service is anticipated.

The Planning Process

Civic engagement is an opportunity for the public to comment on the project. Once the NPS has gathered public input on the proposed action and finished analyzing the effects, staff will complete compliance with NEPA and NHPA. A categorical exclusion is being considered per the National Environmental Policy Act. Important steps in the planning process are below.

September 2023	Civic Engagement
October 2023	Review/analyze comments and findings
December 2023	Complete a NEPA Categorical Exclusion
Summer 2024	Construction Materials Delivered to Kalaupapa
Fall 2024- 2026	Construction

How to Comment

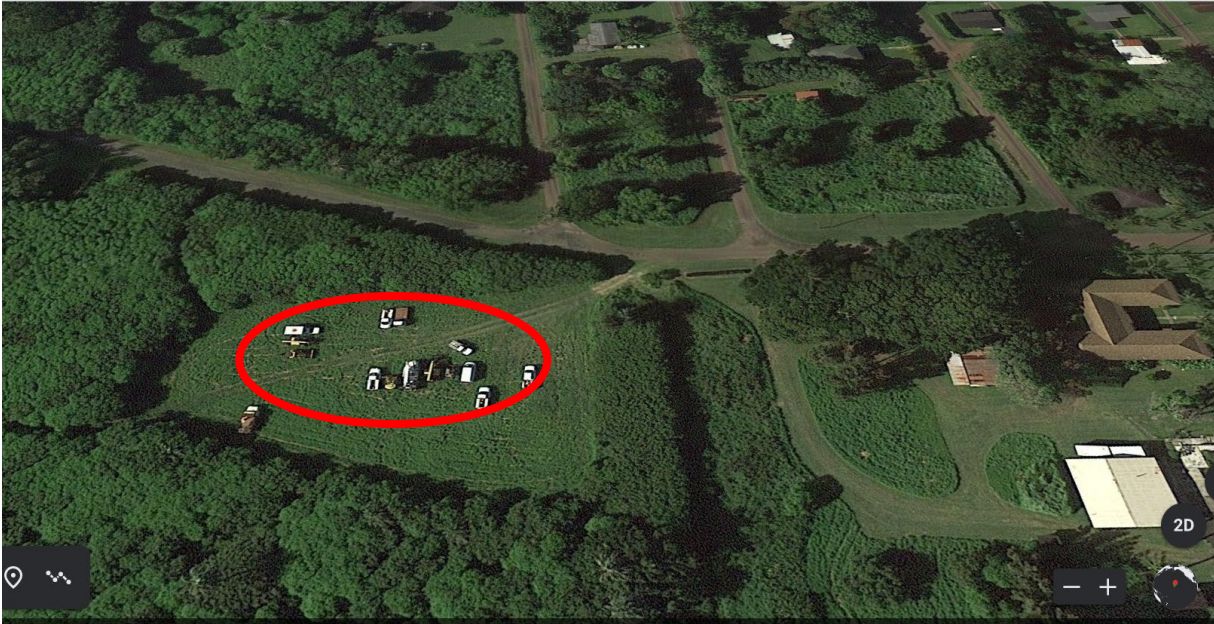
- Comment online: The project is open for comment from September 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023, at: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/KALAFuelFacility>
- The public is encouraged to submit comments electronically through this website. Click on the “Open for Comment” link on the left side of the screen to submit a comment.
- Written comments can be submitted by mail and must be postmarked by September 30, 2023. Submit written comments to the park’s headquarters in Kalaupapa, HI, by mail to:

Kalaupapa National Historical Park
RE: Fuel Facility Project
 Superintendent Nancy Holman
 290 Beretania Street, Box 2222
 Kalaupapa, HI 96742

Please submit comments by **September 30, 2023.**



Proposed Site Location





Entrance off Damien Road



Looking at the Site from Across Damien Road



The Proposed Site

