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RE: Issuance of Final Permit for **Utulei Sewage Treatment Plant**, NPDES #AS0020001

Dear Mr. Spitzenberg

Enclosed please find the final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the subject facility. EPA posted a public notice of proposed action in the Samoa News and on EPA's website, accepting public comment from May 29 thru July 12, 2019. EPA received comments from two commentors during the public comment period. After considering comments from all interested parties, EPA hereby issues the attached final NPDES permit.

The effective date of the permit is **January 1, 2020**, unless a petition for permit review is filed with the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB).¹ Review of the permit can be requested within 33 days of this notice by any person who filed comments on the proposed permit conditions. Review is requested by filing a petition with the Clerk of the EAB. The petition must identify the contested permit condition or other specific challenge to the permit decision and clearly set forth, the petitioner's contentions for why the permit decision should be reviewed.

If you have any questions regarding the final permit or permitting process, please contact Pascal Mues of the EPA Region 9 NPDES permits section (WTR-2-3) at mues.pascal@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Tomás Torres, Director
Water Division

Enclosures (3)
RESPONSE TO COMMENTS
FACT SHEET
FINAL PERMIT

¹ See 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(a) for more information regarding requirements for petitions to the EAB.

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