



American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency

PRESS RELEASE: BEACH ADVISORY

Release Date: **November 25, 2015**

Contact: AS-EPA Water Program at (684) 633-2304

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) wishes to inform the public that on **November 24, 2015** the following recreational beaches were found to be contaminated with enterococci bacteria levels that exceed AS-EPA Water Quality Standards:

East:

Fagasa-Fagalea Stream
Alega Stream
Auto Beach
Alofau
Auasi

West:

Amanave
Asili Stream
Leone Pala

Central:

Nu'uuli Pala Lagoon
Nu'uuli Pala Spring
Coconut Point
Faga'alu
Utulei (DDW)
Fagatogo

The public should not swim, wade, or fish within 400 feet of these polluted beaches. This advisory is in effect until further sampling and laboratory analyses indicate that enterococci concentrations are within water quality standards.

Water that contains excessive concentrations of enterococci bacteria is correlated with swimming-associated gastrointestinal diseases. Enterococci bacteria reside in the intestines of warm-blooded animals. Their presence in water indicates contamination by human and/or animal wastes. Swimmers in polluted water are at risk for many waterborne diseases, some of which may cause serious illness.

Note: AS-EPA laboratory monitors the water quality of 44 recreational beaches on Tutuila, the wharf in Aunu'u, and five beaches on Manu'a. Tutuila advisories are issued weekly. Aunu'u and Manu'a advisories are issued monthly. Advisories are issued when bacteria concentrations exceed levels determined safe for human exposure. Questions should be directed to the AS-EPA Water Program at 633-2304.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ameko Pato".

Ameko Pato, AS-EPA Director



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FAASALALAUGA: LAPATA'IGA MA FAUTUAGA MO MATAFAGA

Aso O Le Faasalalauga: **Novema 25, 2015**

Fa'afeso'ota'i: AS-EPA Polokalama A Le Vai – 633-2304

Ma le fa'aaloalo lava, e fa'asilasila atu ai e fa'apea: I se su'esu'ega sa faia e le ofisa e pei ona ta'ua i luga i le aso o **Novema 24, 2015** ua fa'amaonia ai le mauaina o siama (enterococci bacteria) i le gataifale o alalafaga o lo'o ta'ua i lalo:

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Ua lapata'ia ma fautuaina ai le mamalu o le atunu'u, ae maise i latou o lo'o masani ona fa'aaogaina ia ogasami mo ta'elega ma fagotaga, ina ia taofia le toe fa'aaogaina o lea vaega o le sami i le taimi nei se'ia toe logo atu.

O le siama lenei e pei ona ta'ua i luga e mafua mai ai fa'ama'i o le manava e pei o le manava-tata. E masani lava ona nofo le siama lenei i totonu o le manava o tagata soifua fa'apea ma meaola. Ma o le mauaina o siama nei i totonu o ia ogasami e mafua mai otaota o meaola po'o tagata. Ma o i latou e fiasia e fa'aaoga nei ogasami mo ta'elega ma fagotaga e ono a'afia latou i ni fa'ama'i e fa'afaigata ona togafitia.

O lo'o i lalo o le va'ava'aiga a le Potu Su'esu'e (laboratory) a le AS-EPA matafaga mo tafaoga e 44 i le motu o Tutuila, 5 i Manu'a ma le uafu i Aunu'u. O fa'asalalauga mo lapata'iga mo le motu i Tutuila o lo'o auina atu i vaiaso ta'itasi ae o Manu'a ma Aunu'u e fa'asalalau atu i masina ta'itasi. A iai ni fesili pe fia malamalama atili i le polokalama lenei a le AS-EPA, fa'amolemole vala'au mai i le telefoni (684) 633-2304.

Fa'afetai.

Ameko Pato, AS-EPA Director