

MALAELOA TRAINING AREA



HISTORY:

The Malaeloa Training Area (MTA) is located in the village of Malaeloa on the western side of Tutuila Island. The property was leased to the United States Army in 1998 for the purpose of military training for a period of 10 years. Of the 80 acres of leased land, approximately 30 percent of the area has been classified as a wetland. An environmental investigation of the site was conducted in 2008. The results indicated the hillside on the small arms range contained lead concentration exceeding the EPA Region 9 Preliminary Remediation Goals (RPGs) for residential use (400 mg/kg). The rest of the area had no evidence of contamination.

CURRENT STATUS:

An Environmental Assessment has been performed by the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (*Environmental Condition of Property Report - Lease Termination NO. 38-EH-09 AL-08 Malaeloa Training Area American Samoa June 2008*). A remedial action plan was approved by AS-EPA in October 2011. The soil will be removed from the site used as fill and encapsulated in an industrial use area (Work Plan for Site Characterization and Remedial Action of the Former Small Arms Firing Range, June 2011, Engineering Remediation Resources Group).

Details	
Category:	Military Munitions Response Program
Village, Island:	Malaeloa, Tutuila
Nature of Contamination:	Lead
Coordinates:	14°20'0.50"S 170°46'13.06"W
Site Size:	80 acres
Response Status:	Ongoing
Suitable for Unrestricted Use?	Yes
Controls:	N/A
Lead Agency:	U.S. Army Center Corps of Engineers
Enforcement Authority:	AS-EPA
Property/Ownership Status:	Communal
Last Updated:	October 2011