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**PRESS RELEASE**

**“American Samoa – EPA receives \$1.8 million funding”**

In spite of the continued resolution by U.S. Congress for funding the Federal Government on a temporary status, the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) received \$1, 898, 3892.00 funding added on to its FY2011 approved budget. The funding agreement was sent from USEPA Region IX Pacific Program Managers, Mr. Michael Wolfram and Mr. Carl Goldstein to AS-EPA Director Fanuatele Dr. To’afa Vaiaga’e for acceptance and authorization last week.

Dr. Vaiaga’e extends his sincere appreciation to Governor Togiola Tulafono for his commitment and foresight in securing these federal monies to provide the people of American Samoa, with sound and safe environment. “The acquisition of federal funds to continue the operation of special programs such as the enforcement of Environmental policies in American Samoa, is certainly a clear indication of how Governor Togiola takes the safety and health of our people very seriously”, said Director Vaiaga’e. The Director also expresses great appreciations for USEPA Region IX for standing by our side not only in providing 100% federal revenue assistance for yearly operation of the local EPA, but also lending us technical assistance on many environmental challenges impacting the territory. In fact, USEPA/ASEPA have continued to passed on to ASPA multi-million dollars to fund targeted at the improvement of clean 3water and waste water programs for the territory.

The Director pointed out that these EPA funds are not automatically issued but based not only on quality reports and proposals submitted to USEPA, but also the effectiveness of overall approved programs being executed throughout the year. “Indeed the success and high value of the Environmental programs being implemented at the local level are certainly the outcomes of a genuine relationship between USEPA and the local EPA and our Government. The monies will be distributed to the construction of the new AS-EPA Green Building and regular AS-EPA operational costs.

On a related issue, Dr. Vaiaga’e also points out that AS-EPA received notification from USEPA Region IX for approval of their FY2011 Beach Monitoring Proposal in the amount of \$306,000.00 to be released sometime next month. The Beach Monitoring funds are used to provide educational and awareness programs for the public about the danger of non-point source pollutions contaminating the shores. “This is great news for

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News: "American Samoa EPA receives \$1.8 million"

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