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Lifting Boil Water Notice for Leone Hydraulic District

Press Release

Lifting Boil Water Notice for Leone Hydraulic District

After months of hard work by the American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA) to solve the problem of E-Coli contaminated water in various districts, the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) approved the lifting of the Boil Water Notice (BWN) for the Leone Hydraulic District. The Leone Hydraulic District serves most of the villages of Leone, Taputimu and Malaeloa and all of the villages between Leone and Poloa. For more information on exact location of the Leone Hydraulic District, please contact ASPA.

Over the last few months, ASPA has worked hard with helpful families in Malaeloa area in establishing septic tanks and leach fields around the contaminated wells. Following stringent monitoring by the AS-EPA Drinking Water Program, recent results show that eliminating the cesspools near the contaminated wells has contributed to the removal of E-Coli contamination in the wells.

The protection of our underground drinking water is an island wide effort. Our daily activities greatly impact our water resources. Therefore, AS-EPA seeks your help in securing the safety of our water supplies. ASPA & AS-EPA can't protect our drinking water alone.

The elimination of cesspools and broken septic tanks near water wells and over crucial aquifers is paramount to protecting our drinking water in American Samoa. We need everyone's assistance to make sure that their waste systems (cesspools and septic tanks) are not contributing to the contamination of our drinking water. If you suspect that your system may be damaged or not functioning, please call either ASPA or AS-EPA for an inspection. Together, we can make a difference.

The current lifting of the BWN is only for Leone and the areas indicated above, it does not lift the BWN for any other areas. The BWN for Aoa and the villages between Futiga & Leloaloa are still in effect.

AS-EPA Director Fanuatele Dr. Toafa Vaiaga'e would like to thank the public for their patience as ASPA and ASEPA attempt to work together in solving our Territory's drinking water problem. Dr. Vaiaga'e would also like to thank ASPA for its continued work in these regards and looks forward to working together in the future to eliminate all Boil Water Notice's in American Samoa.