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Ameko Pato, Director
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PRESS RELEASE

Leone Boil Water Notice has officially been lifted

The American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA) and the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency are happy to announce that the Boil Water Notice for the Leone Water System has officially been lifted on March 6, 2014. The Boil Water Notice for the Leone Water System was issued in 2013 in response to confirmed samples of *E.Coli* at Well # 80 located in Malaeloa. With the support of AS-EPA, ASPA has shut down Well # 80 in efforts to lift the Boil Water Notice. Although Well #80 is offline, there are still sufficient operational wells that will serve the residents residing in the areas of Leone to Poloa. These remaining wells are being monitored closely by ASPA and AS-EPA.

AS-EPA and ASPA are conducting monthly bacteriological samples of the Leone-Poloa distribution system, chemical monitoring of the water wells and daily log of chlorine dosage in the remaining water wells that serve the area. These assessments are executed to ensure the functionality of the remaining wells in providing potable water for the residents of the area.

The Central system from Iliili to Leloaloe is still under the Boil Water Notice therefore these areas should continue to boil their water prior to consumption and usage.

ASPA intends to drill new water wells and AS-EPA is in support of these plans. These new water sources will help lift the standing Boil Water Notice that was issued in 2010 for most parts of Tutuila. Our water infrastructure has aged and has deteriorated to a great extent. This is because our water infrastructure was built years ago for a population that was much smaller than today's population.

However, our territory should be at ease as ASPA and AS-EPA are developing new water sources to meet the demands of our territory today and into the future. The two agencies are working collaboratively together to ensure the quality of our drinking water and secure such precious natural resource for generations to come. Solutions to our drinking water problems are

still being sought by both agencies. The "take home message" is that everyone should be aware that the obligation of securing the future of our drinking water is not limited to the two agencies; it is everyone's responsibility.

AS-EPA Director Ameko Pato stated, "I would like to thank everyone for your continuous support and patience as we try to solve our drinking water problems once and for all. AS-EPA is very pleased with ASPA's progress to date. Rest assure that you are in good hands with both Departments undertaking this thorough and time consuming work to safeguard our underground drinking water for the Territory of American Samoa."

Amerika Samoa, tautuana lau suavai taumafa.