



BEACH ADVISORY

Supporting efforts to clean our shores

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The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) is issuing a Beach Advisory Notice for all recreational beaches in American Samoa, as a result of Tropical Cyclone Gita. This Beach Advisory is for precautionary purposes due to heavy rain and runoff into our local beaches.

AS-EPA is currently working towards testing all recreational beaches for the presence of Enterococci bacteria. The testing of recreational beaches is to ensure that it complies with the American Samoa Water Quality Standards and ultimately to protect public health. AS-EPA will notify the general public once water conditions are in compliance with the American Samoa Water Quality Standards.

The presence of Enterococci in the water indicates contamination by human and/or animal wastes. Swimming in water with high levels of Enterococci may cause stomach problems, skin rashes, and ear, eye, and wound infections.

For additional information, please contact AS-EPA at EOC.

Thank you,

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