

# AIRPORT FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING FACILITY BURN PIT



## HISTORY:

The Department of Port Administration (DPA) has recently developed an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training Facility for Pago Pago International Airport. In the past, fire fighting trainings were conducted in a burn pit area located in the eastern section of the airport. The former burn pit covers an area of approximately 600m<sup>2</sup>. During training exercises, fuel such as JetA1 was poured directly on the ground and ignited. An environmental investigation of the site was conducted in 2004. The results indicated high levels of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs) in the soil that called for remedial action.

## CURRENT STATUS:

An Environmental Assessment has been completed. Contaminated soil has been removed and bioremediated (*Burn Area Remediation Action Plan Specification Pago Pago Hot Fire Training Facility, April 2007* Beca Pacific Inc). A new state of the art Hot Fire Training Facility (HFTF) has been constructed next to the former burn pit area.

Details	
<b>Category:</b>	Voluntary Response
<b>Village, Island:</b>	Tafuna, Tutuila
<b>Nature of Contamination:</b>	Petroleum
<b>Coordinates:</b>	14°19'55.56"S 170°42'56.02"W
<b>Site Size:</b>	0.15 acres
<b>Response Status:</b>	Completed in 2009
<b>Suitable for Unrestricted Use?</b>	Yes
<b>Controls:</b>	N/A
<b>Lead Agency:</b>	Department of Port Administration
<b>Enforcement Authority:</b>	AS-EPA
<b>Property/Ownership Status:</b>	American Samoa Government
<b>Last Updated:</b>	March 2010