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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Request for Comments on Draft National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits Section 401 Water Quality Certification

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has requested a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the following Draft NPDES permits:

- (1) **Pacific Energy South West Pacific, Ltd – American Samoa Terminal**, NPDES Permit No. AS0020028
- (2) **ASPA Utulei Sewage Treatment Plant**, NPDES Permit No. AS0020001
- (3) **Starkist Samoa Tuna Cannery**, NPDES Permit No. AS0000019

#### **Purpose of the 401 Certifications**

Section 401 of the CWA provides that the federal government may not issue a permit relating to any activity which may result in any discharge into the navigable waters until a certification is granted or waived by the state or territory in which the discharge originates, or will originate. The certification evaluates whether the discharge will comply with the applicable provisions of sections 301, 302, 306, and 307 of the CWA and appropriate requirements of Territorial laws. AS-EPA will review the draft permits pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, and with applicable provisions of the American Samoa Water Quality Standards.

Draft permits and associated documents are available to the public at the AS-EPA office or at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/american-samoa-npdes-permits>. AS-EPA is requesting comments from the public, local agencies and other interested parties on US EPA's request, in relation to water pollution control considerations.

**Submit comments to:** AS-EPA  
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**Comments must be submitted in writing by July 29, 2019.**

For more information, please contact AS-EPA Technical Services Division at 633-2304.

  
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