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The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) would like to inform the public that starting on October 14, 2014, the AS-EPA will begin issuing citations for the misuse or unlawful use of pesticide on agricultural and nonagricultural products, sale and distribution of illegal pesticides, smuggling of illegal pesticides into the territory, application of "restricted use pesticide" without achieving pesticide applicator certification, and those individuals found to be in violation of the American Samoa Pesticide Act of 1979 (Act) under Section 24.1201 of the American Samoa Code Annotated (ASCA).

Under the Act, a person's first violation of the pesticide laws is a Class B misdemeanor. In order to avoid violations, the AS-EPA encourages farmers and other individuals handling pesticides to please refer to **Title 24: Ecosystem Protection and Development, Chapter 12: Pesticides**, of the ASCA for proper pesticide handling, storing, displaying, distributing, and use practices. ASEPA officers will be in the field conducting inspections to ensure that farmers, retailers, and other individuals are in compliance with the law. The AS-EPA wishes to thank the public for their cooperation in this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact AS-EPA at 633-2304.

Sincerely,

Ameko Pato, Director