FY 2015 NWPG Measure Definitions Pacific Islands

Measure Code: PI-SP26

**Measure Language:** Percent of population in the U.S. Pacific Island Territories served by community water systems that has access to continuous drinking water meeting all applicable health-based drinking water standards, measured on a four quarter rolling average.

**Type of Measure:** Target measure; annually reported

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Measure Definition Terms and phrases:

- **U.S. Pacific territories** consist of Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.
- A **community water system** is a public water system which serves at least 15 service connections used by year-round residents or regularly serves at least 25 year-round residents.

**Methodology for computation of results:** Quarterly Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) data from the three territories is reviewed. The population served by water with any health-based violations is subtracted from the total population in each territory. The result is a one year rolling average and reported as a percentage.

**Units:** Population, expressed as a percentage.

**Universe:** Total population served by community water systems, of the U.S. Pacific territories (Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa)

**Baseline:** The population in American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam served by community water systems receiving drinking water that meets all applicable health-based drinking water standards throughout the year at a point in time (FY 2005).