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Elizabeth Sablad, Manager  
U.S. EPA Region 9  
NPDES Permits Office (WTR-2-3)  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

**Re: CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification**  
**ASPA Utulei Sewage Treatment Plant, NPDES Permit No. AS0020001**

Dear Ms. Sablad,

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency has received and reviewed your request for a Water Quality Certification for the reissuance of the NPDES permit for the Utulei Sewage Treatment Plant operated by the American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA). The Utulei Sewage Treatment Plant collects, treats and disinfects non-industrial wastewater from the Pago Pago Harbor area and discharges an average of 1.19 million gallons per day of treated water to the western side of the outer harbor.

The activity, as described (see draft NPDES Permit No. AS0020001 and draft NPDES Fact Sheet provided June 13, 2019), is found to be consistent with the protected uses for Pago Pago Harbor, as stated in the American Samoa Water Quality Standards (ASWQS) and sections 208(e) 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Certification is hereby given for this activity, provided that the ASWQS continue to be met.

If you have any questions regarding this certification, please feel free to contact Jewel Tuiasosopo of my staff at (684) 633-2304 or [jewel.tuiasosopo@epa.as.gov](mailto:jewel.tuiasosopo@epa.as.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Fa'amao O. Asalele Jr., Director

cc: Pascal Mues, U.S. EPA Region 9 Environmental Engineer