

Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Assessment Pago Pago Village Flood Hazard Mitigation Project Federal Emergency Management Agency

The American Samoa Territorial Emergency Management Coordinating Office (TEMCO) has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program funding to implement a flood control project on Vaipito and Laolao streams in Pago Pago Village. TEMCO has identified the need to reduce the flood hazard on these streams as one of its highest priorities. Therefore, TEMCO proposes to realign flows from Vaipito Stream into Laolao Stream and improve Laolao Stream from the site of the demolished CCCAS church to its mouth in Pago Pago Harbor.

FEMA has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the proposed project, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and FEMA's implementing regulations. The DEA, which evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed project, is available for public review and comment. The DEA is available on-line at <http://www.fema.gov/ehp/docs.shtm>. A copy of the DEA may also be viewed at the following location: American Samoa Government, Department of Commerce, Executive Office Building, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799.

To request a copy of the document or to provide comments regarding the DEA, please direct queries to the following address: Environmental Officer, FEMA Region IX, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, California 94607.

Comments on the DEA must be submitted by November 1, 2004. Until that date, FEMA will take no further action regarding the proposed project.