

AIRPORT FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING FACILITY BURN PIT



HISTORY:

The Department of Port Administration (DPA) has recently developed an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training Facility for Pago Pago International Airport. In the past, fire fighting trainings were conducted in a burn pit area located in the eastern section of the airport. The former burn pit covers an area of approximately 600m². During training exercises, fuel such as JetA1 was poured directly on the ground and ignited. An environmental investigation of the site was conducted in 2004. The results indicated high levels of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs) in the soil that called for remedial action.

CURRENT STATUS:

An Environmental Assessment has been completed. Contaminated soil has been removed and bioremediated (*Burn Area Remediation Action Plan Specification Pago Pago Hot Fire Training Facility, April 2007* Beca Pacific Inc). A new state of the art Hot Fire Training Facility (HFTF) has been constructed next to the former burn pit area.

Details	
Category:	Voluntary Response
Village, Island:	Tafuna, Tutuila
Nature of Contamination:	Petroleum
Coordinates:	14°19'55.56"S 170°42'56.02"W
Site Size:	0.15 acres
Response Status:	Completed in 2009
Controls:	N/A
Lead Agency:	Department of Port Administration
Enforcement Authority:	AS-EPA
Property/Ownership Status:	American Samoa Government
Last Updated:	March 2010