

CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS



HISTORY:

Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO's) have become widespread and unregulated in recent years. These facilities are predominately used for pig production and often are in violation of local land use regulations. Most CAFO's are constructed on concrete pads that are washed down with pressurized water on a daily basis. Surface water contamination and life-threatening diseases such as leptospirosis have been attributed to untreated discharge of agricultural waste from these facilities. After studying the public health affects of CAFO's in American Samoa, AS-EPA launched the Piggery Compliance Program in mid-2006 to tackle this problem. In 2009, 87 out of the 1,020 documented CAFO sites in the Territory were issued certification of cleanup.

CURRENT STATUS:

Inventories, inspections, outreach, enforcement actions, and site follow-up are ongoing. AS-EPA maintains a database of CAFO sites in the Territory.

Details	
Category:	Voluntary Response
Village, Island:	Islandwide, Tutuila and Manu'a
Nature of Contamination:	Pollutants
Coordinates:	N/A
Site Size:	N/A
Response Status:	Ongoing
Controls:	Animal production is prohibited where CAFO closures have been certified
Lead Agency:	AS-EPA
Enforcement Authority:	AS-EPA
Property/Ownership Status:	Communal
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