

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. Out of the 1,042 documented CAFO sites in the Territory, certifications of cleanup have been issued for 143 properties under the guidance of AS-EPA.

CURRENT STATUS:

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

Details	
Category:	Brownfields Assessment
Island:	Tutuila and Manu'a
Village:	All
Response Status:	Ongoing
Land Use Restrictions:	Animal production is prohibited where CAFO closures have been certified
Controls:	N/A
Lead Agency:	AS-EPA
Enforcement Authority:	AS-EPA
Property Status:	Communal