

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**American Samoa Department of Education**  
**Le'atele Elementary School Buildings Replacement**  
**FEMA-1859-DR-AS, PW 193**

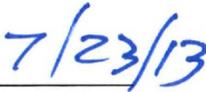
The American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE) has applied, through the Territorial Office of Fiscal Reform (TOFR), to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for financial assistance to restore the function of three destroyed buildings at ASDOE's Le'atele Elementary School, in Fagasa Village, Tutuila Island, American Samoa. The administration building, the Early Childhood Education building, and the kitchen/cafeteria building on the campus of Le'atele Elementary School were severely damaged by the earthquake, tsunami, and flooding that occurred on September 29, 2009, and declared by the President of the United States to be a major disaster (FEMA-1859-DR-AS). ASDOE is requesting financial assistance to restore the function of these facilities through FEMA's Public Assistance Program.

ASDOE proposes to replace the three buildings damaged by the disaster by constructing a new, two-story, 4000-square-foot building southwest of the existing, two-story school building on the Le'atele Elementary School campus. The new building would be constructed to current codes and standards, including floodplain management requirements, which would result in the lowest floor being elevated above the height of the modeled 100-year flood.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, FEMA prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Le'atele Elementary School Buildings Replacement to evaluate the impacts of the Proposed Action and alternatives on the quality of the human environment. The EA includes measures that will be implemented to mitigate, minimize, and avoid impacts to the human environment. FEMA prepared a Final EA after making a Draft EA available for public review and comment. FEMA received one piece of correspondence during the Draft EA public review/comment period. The Final EA, which was specifically prepared to address comments received on the Draft EA, is available at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=7560>, TOFR's office in Ili'ili, and ASDOE's office in Utulei.

Based on the information contained in the Final EA, a review of applicable environmental laws and orders, and in compliance with FEMA's regulations at 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. For more information, contact the undersigned at (510) 627-7027 or [fema-rix-ehp-documents@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-rix-ehp-documents@fema.dhs.gov). In accordance with 44 CFR Part 9 (Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands), no action will be allowed to occur until 15 days after the publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.

   
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