

Notice of Availability
Draft Environmental Assessment
Satala Power Plant Replacement
FEMA-1859-DR-AS, PW 200

The American Samoa Power Authority's Satala power plant at Satala, Tutuila, American Samoa, was destroyed by the earthquake, tsunami, and flooding that occurred on September 29, 2009, and was declared a Presidential disaster (FEMA-1859-DR-AS). To restore the function of the destroyed power plant, the American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA) has requested financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). If approved, FEMA would provide financial assistance to ASPA, through the Territorial Office of Fiscal Reform (TOFR), under FEMA's Public Assistance Program.

ASPA proposes to restore the power plant to pre-disaster capacity and functional performance by constructing a permanent replacement facility capable of reliably generating up to 23.5 MW of electricity. The proposed facility would be located on one of four sites (the preferred site or one of three alternative sites) on the island of Tutuila. Required components of the replacement facility, as identified by ASPA, include a connection to the existing power distribution grid, bulk storage tanks, a truck off-loading and refueling rack system, a machine shop, parking areas, and power plant buildings housing diesel fuel-powered generators, switchgear, and auxiliary equipment. A site capable of providing a minimum of 2 acres of generally level ground would be required to accommodate the replacement facility.

FEMA has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended, and applicable implementing regulations. The Draft EA evaluates the environmental impacts of ASPA's proposed project and alternatives. FEMA has made the Draft EA available for public review and comment at <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/86369> and the following locations: TOFR's office on Ili'ili Road (call 699-1330 for location information) and ASPA's Tafuna and Fagatogo Outlets (call 699-1234 for location information).

FEMA, TOFR, and ASPA will consider all comments on the Draft EA before making decisions regarding ASPA's proposed project. Comments relevant to the Draft EA should be provided in writing to FEMA Region IX EHP, Satala Power Plant Replacement Draft EA, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, CA 94607-4052 or electronically to fema-rix-ehp-documents@fema.dhs.gov. Questions regarding the Draft EA or its availability may also be asked by telephone at (510) 627-7027 (messages only). To be considered in the decision-making process, comments on the Draft EA must be received by January 10, 2014.