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To All Interested Government Agencies and Public Groups:

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, an environmental review was performed on the following action.

TITLE: Fishing Vessel Fuel Storage Project Manua Islands, American Samoa (Identified in American Samoa's Marine Conservation Plan)

LOCATION: Pacific Islands Regional Office

SUMMARY: This Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzes a range of alternatives and resulting potential impacts for the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's funding of fuel storage facilities in the Manu'a Islands, American Samoa. The Manu'a Islands (Ofu, Olosega, Ta'u) currently lack fuel storage to support local vessels, which restricts fleet range and participation in offshore fisheries. The proposed action would be to fund the procurement of four transportable 500 gallon fuel tanks on Ofu and four transportable 500 gallon tanks on Ta'u.

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The environmental review process led us to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement was not prepared. A copy of the finding of no significant impact (FONSI), including the environmental assessment, is enclosed for your information.

Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this completed EA/FONSI, we will consider any comments submitted that would assist us in preparing future NEPA documents. Please submit any written comments to the Responsible Official named above.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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