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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO 16-1987

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AMERICAN SAMOA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of American Samoa by the Revised Constitution and laws of American Samoa, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. Establishment of the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency.

There is established as a division within the Office of the Governor, Executive branch of the American Samoa Government, the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency. The head of the Agency shall be the Director, who shall also be the Government Ecologist and Executive Secretary of the Environmental Quality Commission.

2. Agency Functions.

The Agency, under the authority and responsibility of the Environmental Quality Commission for direction, supervision, continuation and enforcement, shall carry out the consolidated environmental program established by Executive Order No. 12-1985 issued on June 14, 1985. The program encompasses water pollution control, safe drinking water, solid and hazardous waste, air pollution control, pesticides use and certification, and environmental awareness and education.

3. Amendments to Executive Order No. 12-1985
(a) Section 2(a) of Executive Order No. 12-1985 is amended to read:

"Section 2. Immediate Staff.

(a) The Government Ecologist as the Executive Secretary of the Environmental Quality Commission and head of the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for the day to day operation of the consolidated environmental program. He directly supervises the five branches of the program, Environmental Quality Coordinator and program staff support services."

4. Effective Date.

This Executive Order is effective immediately.

Dated: October 23 , 1987

Governor of American Samoa