

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION**

by the

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX (USEPA) is issuing a notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act (CWA) to reissue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for the Northern District (GU0020141) and Agana (GU0020087) Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) to:

Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA)  
P.O. Box 3010 AN 27 2012  
Hagatna, GU 96910

The Northern District STP discharges a monthly average 5.6 million gallons per day of primary treated wastewater to the Phillippean Sea near Dededo on the northwestern coast of the island. The Agana STP discharges an average 6.5 million gallons per day of primary treated wastewater to Hagatna Bay in the Philippean Sea.

On September 20, 2009 EPA issued its final decision to deny GWA's requests to renew the waivers from secondary treatment requirements pursuant to Section 301(h) of the Clean Water Act. EPA is therefore proposing to reissue permits that will require both plants to upgrade to secondary treatment.

The administrative record, including the draft permits, fact sheets, Final Decision Documents and other relevant documents are available for review at the website listed below. Requests to obtain or review the administrative record may also be made to the contact listed below. Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit during the public comment period to the contact listed below. All comments or objections received within the comment period will be retained and considered in the formulation of the final permit determination. A request for a public hearing may be made in writing to the contact below (40 CFR Part 124.11).

Upon issuance of a final permit decision and response to comments, the USEPA will notify the applicant and persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. Within 33 days after EPA issues the final permit, any person who filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing may petition the Environmental Appeals Board to review any condition of the permit decision (40 CFR Part 124.19).

When public interest warrants, USEPA may schedule a public hearing or may grant an extension of the comment period for the submittal of comments or objections (40 CFR Part 124.14).

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