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CONSOLIDATED ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

Section 1. Consolidated Environmental Program

The Environmental Quality Commission has the authority and responsibility for the direction, supervision, coordination and enforcement of the consolidated environmental program. The program encompasses activities in water pollution control, safe drinking water, solid and hazardous waste, air pollution, pesticide use and certification, and environmental awareness and education.

Section 2. Immediate Staff

(a) The Government Ecologist as the Executive Secretary of the Environmental Quality Commission 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.

(b) The Environmental Quality Coordinator provides technical assistance to the Executive Secretary and program branches and coordinates the technical aspects of the program.

(c) The program staff consists of the administration, fiscal and secretarial personnel needed for the program.

Section 3. Program Branches and Functions

(a) Five program branches are established within the Environmental Quality Commission as follows:

- (1) Pesticide Branch
- (2) Safe Drinking Water Branch
- (3) Environmental Awareness Branch
- (4) Water Quality Laboratory Branch
- (5) Enforcement Branch

(b) The Pesticides Branch is responsible for all aspects of pesticide use, marketing and applicator certification as regulated by the territorial pesticides laws and rules. The Branch is headed by the Pesticides Officer. The Director of Agriculture is directed to delegate the authority to administer the pesticides laws and rules to the Executive Secretary.

(c) The Safe Drinking Water Branch is responsible for the survey and inspection of all public water systems and enforcement of the territorial safe drinking water laws and rules. The Branch is headed by the Safe Drinking Water Enforcement Officer. The Director of Health is directed to delegate the authority to administer the safe drinking water laws and rules to the Executive Secretary.

(d) The Environmental Awareness Branch is responsible for environmental awareness and education activities for the entire program. The Branch is headed by the Environmental Awareness Officer.

(e) The Water Quality Laboratory Branch is responsible for the collection and analysis of drinking water, waste and natural water samples as required under federal or territorial laws and rules and as needed by other program branches. The Water Quality Laboratory continues to be located at LBJ Tropical Medical Center. The Branch is headed by the Water Laboratory Supervisor.

(f) The Enforcement Branch is responsible for field inspection of the Pago Pago Bay and other areas to identify environmental problems resulting from solid waste dumping, unauthorized fill activities, unlawful discharges or other sources. The Branch is headed by the Enforcement Officer.

Section 4. Equipment and Supplies

All vehicles, other equipment and supplies previously acquired for the consolidated environmental program with funds appropriated or granted to the program are transferred to the Environmental Quality Commission.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Executive Order is effective immediately.

Dated June 22, 1985.


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