

GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
PAGO PAGO, AMERICAN SAMOA

March 3, 1978

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1-1978

Pursuant to Section 4002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 Public Law 94-580 (RCRA) and the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency as contained in Regulations covering the Identification of Regions and Agencies for Solid Waste management purposes in the Territory.

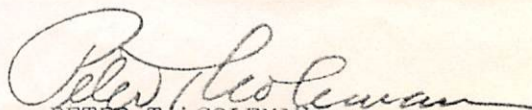
This designation is being made following a review of the existing Territorial legislation, the Solid Waste Management Plan of 1973, and open meetings with the pulenu'us (village Mayors), county chiefs and District Governors, on January 27 and 30, 1978 in relation to the following criteria.

- a. The geographic areas which have a history of cooperating to solve problems in environmental or other related matters.
- b. The size and location of regions which could permit resource recovery and conservation in accordance with the objectives of RCRA including volume of wastes, waste types, geologic and hydrologic conditions, land availability, natural barriers and transportation costs.
- c. Coordination with ongoing planning functions.

The Territory of American Samoa is hereby designated as a single region for Solid Waste Planning and Regulation purposes for all types of solid wastes including residential and commercial solid wastes, hazardous wastes, industrial sludges, municipal sewage sludges, septage, agricultural wastes and other wastes.

Further, the Territory is designated as a single Region for operational management purposes as it applies to hazardous wastes, industrial sludges, municipal sewage sludges, septage, agricultural wastes and other wastes. For purposes of operational management of residential and commercial solid wastes, the Territory is hereby divided into the three political districts, Eastern, Western, and Manu'a. This designation is being made to facilitate the working relationships on the local level to allow for the solution of collection, storage and transportation problems in a meaningful way with the village leaders. This designation will also assure that adequate responsibility for the solid waste program is retained the local level.

As further provided for an required under the RCRA the Department of Public Works has been designated as the lead agency for the identification of agency responsibilities for solid waste planning operation and regulation and to recommend to me designations to be implemented to strengthen these existing agency responsibilities to improve the territorial solid waste program within the May 11, 1978, deadline imposed by the applicable regulations.


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Governor