

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Request for Comments**

#### **Permission under 33 USC 408 for Alterations to the Lepua Shore Protection Project as a result of the Repair of Route 001 Atu'u-Lauli'i Island of Tutuila, American Samoa**

In accordance with 33 USC §408 (Section 408), the American Samoa Department of Public Works (AS DPW), has submitted an application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Honolulu District for approval to alter the western terminus of the Lepua Shore Protection Project, a Corps federally authorized civil works project (Corps project) in the course of repairing and installing shoreline erosion protection along Route 001 between Atu'u Village and Leloaloa Village, in the vicinity of Leloaloa Village, Island of Tutuila, American Samoa. Section 408 authorizes the Secretary of the Army to grant permission for the alteration of a Corps project if the Secretary determines that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the Corps project.

The AS DPW plans to install and repair shoreline erosion protection structures, primarily revetments, along 2,200 linear feet of shoreline that had been damaged by tsunami waves from an earthquake in 2009. Repairing existing and installing new shoreline erosion protection will require the permanent alteration of the western terminus of the Lepua Shore Protection Project. The proposed alteration will include: (1) the temporary removal and resetting of existing revetment stone, including armor stone and stone toe as necessary to ensure a smooth transition from the new revetment to the Corps Project revetment; and (2) adjustment of the armor and underlayer stone size (progressively larger), thickness, elevation, and width as necessary to firmly abut and meet the lines and grades of the existing Corps Project revetment.

Under Section 408, the Corps has jurisdiction only over specific activities or portions of activities that have the potential to alter a Corps project. The Honolulu District is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties specifically on the proposed alterations to the Lepua Shore Protection Project, as described above. Any comments received will be considered by the Honolulu District in its decision of whether to grant permission for the proposed alterations, and in its assessment of the impacts of those alterations on the environment, cultural resources, and other public interest factors.

The Corps is soliciting comments during this 30 day review period beginning on April 14, 2017 and ending on May 15, 2017. This comment period is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to a decision being made by the Corps.

Questions and comments should be directed to:  
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Interested parties are invited to provide their comments in writing to the mailing or email addresses provided above. All comments will become a part of the official record and will be considered in the final decision. Comments must be received by the contact above on or before May 15, 2017.