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## THE AGENCY **WE ARE GUAM EPA**

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HISTORY Acting Gov. Kurt S. Moylan Signed Public Law 11-191 on Dec. 7, 1972 that enabled the creation of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency. The Public Law gave responsibilities once given to different agencies and commissions to the newly formed Guam EPA. On March 3, the following year, Guam EPA officially started work and took up residence at the Harmon Plaza. Today, agency is housed in two buildings in Tiyan Barrigada, Guam

MISSION STATEMENT | The Agency's public policy of this territory of Guam is that a high quality environment be maintained at all times to guarantee an enjoyable life for all people at present and in the future, and that environmental degradation of the quality of land, water and air by any pollutants, including all physical, chemical and biological agents, should not be allowed. To these ends, it is the purpose of this Act to provide a united, integrated, and comprehensive territory-wide program of environmental protect and to provide a framework to fulfill that task.

**ABOUT THE AGENCY** The Guam Environmental Protection Agency is a semiautonomous agency of the Government of Guam. Through an integrated framework, regulations, and core divisions, Guam EPA focuses on protecting health of the community and intends on maintaining a sustainable and beautiful environment for the people of Guam. Guam EPA provides for the continued implementation throughout the Island of Guam, inclusive of air, land and water. GEPA also provides enforcement, permitting and public service through the various programs such as Water, Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste and Air Pollution. Protection of the island's air, land and water are paramount to the agency.

The Agency's policy is established by a Board of Directors . The Board meets once a month, and meetings are open to the public. Board Members are appointed by the Governor to three-year terms. Under Guam law, the Guam EPA Board of Directors also serves as an appellate body. Any citizen who believes he or she has been aggrieved by an action or decision of the Guam EPA Administrator can request a hearing before the Board. The Administrator and Deputy Administrator of Guam EPA are appointed by the Board of Directors.

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# AGENCY METRICS PROGRAM PERFORMANCE



#### **AIR AND LAND DIVISION**

#### Hazardous Waste Management Program

This program is responsible for the proper management of substances considered by law to be hazardous.

RCRA C Compliance/Enforcement Inspections:	14
RCRA C Small Quantity Generator Inspections:	15
RCRA Used Oil Transportation Inspections:	1
Underground Storage Tank Inspections:	49
Leaking Storage Tank Compliance Inspections:	5
Underground Storage Tank Permits Issued:	115
Notices of Violation Issued:	6

#### Solid Waste Management Program

This program focuses on management of residential and commercial solid waste.

Solid Waste Complaints Received:	160
Solid Waste Inspections:	110
Disposal Plans for Permits Reviewed:	183
Disposal Plans for Permits Issued:	176
Notices of Violation Issued:	12

#### **Pesticides Enforcement Program**

This program is responsible for ensuring registered pesticides are used correctly in Guam.

Notices of Arrivals Processed:	7,237
Pesticides Enforcement Inspections:	50
Pesticides Permits Issued:	11
Certifications Issued:	1,934
Pesticides Program Reviews:	131
Notices of Violation Issued:	29

#### **Air Pollution Control Program**

This program focuses on protecting Guam's air quality.

Asbestos Notification Reviews:	21
Facility Inspections:	49
Minor Source Air Permits Issued:	21
Minor Source Air Permits Reviewed:	61
Occupancy Building Plan Reviews:	7
Notices of Violation Issued:	1

#### D.S.M.O.A/ Green Parcels (Brownfields 128a)

This program focuses on sites that were affected by military and industrial activity.

Phase 1 and 2 Environmental Assessments:	3
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#### **WATER DIVISION**

#### Safe Drinking Water Program

This program is responsible for ensuring that Guam's drinking water is safe for consumption.

Active Drinking Water Wells: Sanitary Surveys Conducted: Water Distribution Operator Certifications: Water Treatment Operator Certifications:	154 9 6 5
Waste Water Collection Operator Certifications:	5
Waste Water Treatment Operator Certifications:	3
Lead Ban Act Water Collection Samples:	147

#### **Water Resources Management Program**

This program focuses on managing our ground water.

Test Boring Permits Issued:	75
Well Drilling Permit Renewals:	103
Well Drilling Permits Issued	4
UIC Well Drilling Permit Renewals:	339
Production Well Inspections:	169
UIC Well Inspections:	379

#### **Water Pollution Control Program**

This program is responsible for the Clean Water Act.

Plan Review and Building Permit Activity:	615
Building Permits Issued:	505
Building Permits Issued:	189
Site Inspections Performed:	170
Facility Compliance Inspections Performed :	218
Major NPDES Facilities Inspections:	39
Minor NPDES Facilities Inspections:	12
Pump Station/Collection System Inspections:	11
Sewer Overflow Monitoring Incidents:	27
401 Certification Review Activities:	20
Notices of Violation Issued:	0

### ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING and ANALYTICAL SERVICES

#### **Monitoring Program**

This program conducts recreational water monitoring program

Recreational Beach Monitoring Samples:	2287
Wadeable Stream Assessments:	8
Aggregate Inspections:	4
Burial At Sea Requests:	10
Sanitary Survey Water Quality Inspections:	35
Vessel Grounding Inspections:	3
Underwater Dredging Inspections:	1

#### **Analytical Program**

This program is tasked with maintaining and running Guam EPA's certified laboratory.

Microbiology QA/QC Samples:	3379
Chemistry QA/QC Samples:	642
Laboratory Certifications:	11
Recreational Beach Monitoring Samples:	2287
Drinking Water Monitoring Samples:	121
Compliance Monitoring Special Studies:	231

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## FINANCIALS

### **AGENCY REVENUES/EXPENDITURES**



SPECIAL FUND	FISCAL YEAR 2017		
ACCOUNT	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST	354,699	182,338	172,361
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL	119,406	194,138	-74,732
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK	79,363	53,157	26,206
WATER RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	85,501	78,483	7,018
WATER PROTECTION	20,228	36,500	-16,272
PESTICIDE MANGEMENT	143,489	90,269	53,220
SAFE DRINKING WATER	2,279	7,433	-5,154
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	30,464	3,322	27,142
RECYCLING REVOLVING	2,859,712	1,065,464	1,794,248
LOCAL / GENERAL FUND			
SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS	202,992	3,051	199,941
TOURIST ATTRACTION	108,289	79,938	28,351

FEDERAL FUNDS	FISCAL YEAR 2017		
ACCOUNT	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
CONSOLIDATED GRANT	4,056,710	3,021,413	1,035,297
HMEP	75,298	44,874.59	30,423
DSMOA	260,000	109,917.08	150,083

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# THE FUTURE AGENCY CHALLENGES & OUTLOOK



#### As we embark on the upcoming Fiscal year, our agency looks to the following:

- Address staff shortage in critical areas
- Modernize environmental statutes
- Promulgate rules and regulations for the Recycling Revolving Fund
- Implement the Guam Zero Waste Initiative
- Fully implement our Water, Air and Land Territorial Electronic Record System
- Improve the customer experience in the permitting process
- Continue to make strides with our US EPA counterparts in our performance
- Complete the Agent Orange Investigation

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