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John Dearnness, Engineering Manager  
StarKist Samoa Company  
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RE: Issuance of Final Permit for StarKist Samoa Tuna Cannery, NPDES permit AS0000019

Dear Mr. Dearnness:

Enclosed please find the final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the subject facility. EPA posted a public notice of proposed action on EPA's website, <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits>, accepting public comment from July 3, 2019 thru August 16, 2019. EPA received comments from StarKist Samoa, American Samoa EPA, and the Office of the Governor of American Samoa during the public comment period. After considering comments from all interested parties, EPA hereby issues the attached final NPDES permit.

The effective date of the permit is April 1, 2020, unless a petition for permit review is filed with the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB).<sup>1</sup> Review of the permit can be requested within 30 days of this notice by any person who filed comments on the proposed permit conditions. Review is requested by filing a petition with the Clerk of the EAB. The petition must identify the contested permit condition or other specific challenge to the permit decision and clearly set forth, the petitioner's contentions for why the permit decision should be reviewed.

If you have any questions regarding the final permit or permitting process, please contact EPA permit writer Pascal Mues at [mues.pascal@epa.gov](mailto:mues.pascal@epa.gov), or by phone at 415-972-3768.

Sincerely,

Tomás Torres, Director  
Water Division

Enclosures (3): Response to Comments, Fact Sheet, and Final Permit

<sup>1</sup> See 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(a) for more information regarding requirements for petitions to the EAB.

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