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Public Notice

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NOTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

DATE: April 17, 2019

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resource Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency review request from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) regarding the proposed improvements to its existing water and wastewater systems. The project will be performed at the following villages on Saipan- Beach Road Susupe, Garapan Lower MIHA, Afetna, San Antonio, and Texas Road Oleai. This project is being funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Additional information of the project can be accessed via the DCRM website at https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/CUC-Water-and-Wastewater-System-Improvement-Project.pdf

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a coastal state's federally approved coastal management plan.

Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's coastal management program can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resource Management at <u>FedCon@dcrm.gov.mp</u>.

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. DCRM is soliciting public comments for seven (7) days, starting on April 17, 2019 and ending on April 24, 2019, in order to give the public sufficient opportunity to develop and provide comments on whether the proposed project is consistent with management program enforceable policies. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.