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Guam EPA Launches Investigation into Landslide's Potential Environmental Impact

Tiyan, Guam – the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) has launched an investigation into any potential ramifications that may have been caused by the landslide that occurred on East Agana on October 15, 2025.

Part of GEPA's investigation efforts include working with the Department of Public Works (DPW), and **is not limited to:**

- What may have caused the landslide?
- If construction developments in the affected area were in compliance with GEPA standards prior to the landslide?
- Preventing further cliffside erosion and landslides by divert stormwater runoff from above the cliffside and resulting discharges into bay
- Determine environmental and marine impacts caused by the landslide in Agana Bay and how to mitigate, cleanup and restore in the near future

Additionally, a stop work order was sent to Palisades Estates on October 15, 2025, as part of the investigation process. The stop work order requires Palisades Estates to cease further developmental construction, and also requires them to immediately drain or discharge sediment ponds currently filled with runoff water and away from the cliffside and affected area, to ensure no discharge offsite in the event of intense runoff resulting from future rain. Finally, GEPA will ensure mitigative measures that were proposed and approved by GEPA are in compliance by next week.

GEPA, together with DPW, are working on a short and long term mitigation plan to divert runoff discharging into the Tiyan Stormwater System. DPW has started its ongoing cleanup efforts along Route 1 to remove all landslide debris on the roadway and prevent further sedimentation/siltation discharging into Agana Bay. Temporary sedimentation Best Management Practice (BMP) measures are currently underway to prevent further siltation discharging onto the bay.

GEPA and DPW are working together to determine the cause of the landslide and damage assessment to the Tiyan stormwater system (MS4) in coming up with the responsible parties to this emergency situation and subsequent losses, damages, cleanup and restoration efforts.



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The GEPA Environmental Monitoring section has started conducting water quality (WQ) sampling of Agana Bay and will continue for some time to monitor WQ standards are being met. Plans are underway to engage the Department of Agriculture Aquatics and Wildlife to develop plans for beach clean up and removal of sediment and silt already present from the landslide debris.

GEPA will provide the community with updates as the investigation continues.

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