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Guam EPA Issues Notice of Violation to Palisades Subdivision Project Developer

Tiyan, Guam – The Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) is informing the community that a Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued to the Palisades Subdivision project developer.

This NOV was issued following GEPA's investigation into the Palisades Subdivision project as a result of the landslide occurring on route 1 in Hagatña on October 15, 2025.

GEPA's investigation showed that, on October 15, 2025, after a rainfall event comparable to a 10-year storm, a landslide occurred along Route 1 just below the Palisades Subdivision project site. The inspection revealed that the remaining sedimentation pond was filled to capacity and overflowed, with no measures in place to prevent overflow or ensure safe discharge. Evidence indicated uncontrolled runoff toward the cliff line, causing slope instability, rocks and soil to spill onto Marine Corps Drive, and sediment to enter East Hagåtña Bay.

GEPA and the Department of Public Works (DPW) lifted the Stop Work Orders for the Palisades Subdivision after confirming that the developer installed additional mitigation measures to ensure adequate temporary erosion control and safe storm water management.

If you would like to view the NOV in its entirety, visit GEPA's website at epa.guam.gov/nov/.

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