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Elizabeth Sablad, Manager
U.S. EPA Region 9
NPDES Permits Office (WTR-2-3)
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification
StarKist Samoa Tuna Cannery
NPDES Permit No. AS0000019

Dear Ms. Sablad,

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency has received and reviewed your request for a Water Quality Certification for the reissuance of the NPDES permit for the StarKist Samoa Tuna Cannery. The StarKist Samoa Tuna Cannery processes frozen whole tuna that are canned as tuna fish for human consumption and pet food. It also processes fish by-products into fish meal and other products. The cannery discharges an average of 2.4 million gallons per day of treated industrial wastewater to the eastern side of the outer harbor.

The activity, as described (see draft NPDES Permit No. AS0000019 and draft NPDES Fact Sheet provided July 3, 2019), is found to be consistent with the protected uses for Pago Pago Harbor, as stated in the American Samoa Water Quality Standards (ASWQS) and sections 208(e) 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Certification is hereby given for this activity, provided that the ASWQS continue to be met.

If you have any questions regarding this certification, please feel free to contact me or Jewel Tuiasosopo of my staff at (684) 633-2304 or jewel.tuiasosopo@epa.as.gov.

Sincerely,

Fa'amao O. Asalele Jr., Director

cc: Pascal Mues, U.S. EPA Region 9 Environmental Engineer