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DROUGHT INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PAGO PAGO AS
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...SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS FOR AMERICAN SAMOA...

SYNOPSIS...

DOMINANT RIDGING OVER AMERICAN SAMOA HAS KEPT WEATHER CONDITIONS OVER THE TERRITORY PRIMARILY DRY FOR THE LAST 3 MONTHS. THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER RECEIVED ONLY 1.20 INCHES OF RAINFALL WHICH IS WELL BELOW THE MONTHLY MINIMUM NEEDED TO MEET WATER NEEDS.

SUMMARY OF IMPACTS...

DRY BROWN GRASS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED ACROSS THE ISLANDS. ADDITIONALLY...ASPA HAVE REPORTED CONTINUED DECREASING LEVELS IN WATER WELLS AS WELL AS INCREASING CHLORIDE READINGS.

CLIMATE SUMMARY...

ACCORDING TO THE NOAA CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER...EL NINO CONDITIONS ARE PRESENT IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN. IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT EL NINO WILL PERSIST THROUGH THE 2015-2016 SUMMER SEASON AND INTO THE FALL OF 2016.

PRECIPITATION/TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK...

THE PRECIPITATION OUTLOOK FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS FOR AMERICAN SAMOA IS BELOW NORMAL RAINFALL AS EL NINO CONDITIONS CONTINUE.

NEXT ISSUANCE DATE...

THIS PRODUCT WILL BE UPDATED ON NOVEMBER 02 2015 OR SOONER IF NECESSARY IN RESPONSE TO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN CONDITIONS.

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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS...

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