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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: **Ofu Island Science Lab with Seawater Flow System**

PEPC ID (PIN): **27450**

Project Description: **Develop and install an improved seawater pumping system on Ofu Island for enhanced coral research capacity and for climate change research. The improved seawater pumping system would consist of an ocean intake; pumps to deliver ambient ocean water to storage tanks; raised water tanks to provide storage and pressure; 8 experimental tanks; piping, fittings, and valves between appurtenances; protective structures to house all appurtenances, tools, and equipment – one with semi-darkroom capabilities for coral photosynthetic studies; connection to reliable electrical service from a nearby power source; a generator for backup power; and connection to fresh water service from a nearby water system for cleaning and pump priming.**

Project Locations:

Location			
County:	Manua Islands	State:	AS
District:	Ofu Island	Section:	
Geo. Marker:		Other:	Vaoto Lodge

(See Attached Environmental Screening Form)

Mitigation(s):

- **No mitigations identified**

Describe the category used to exclude action from further NEPA analysis and indicate the number of the category (see Section 3-4 of DO-12):

C.18 Construction of minor structures, including small improved parking lots, in previously disturbed or developed areas.

(See Attached Environmental Screening Form)

On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis.No exceptional circumstances (e.g. all boxes in the ESF are marked "no") or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.

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