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10/23/2023 8:29:10	This is a test. Josh S.				
10/25/2023 11:05:02	CNMI should have statewide programs to support universal garbage collection and recycling . It would be great to continue recycling redemption programs - maybe we could fund that and low or no-cost collection up to a certain amount for every household through import taxes on non-recyclable / single use materials? We need more education and more enforcement of our litter laws too!		UGC, recycling, redemption, cost equity	Thank you for the comment. UGC is discussed as an option for the CNMI in the CISWMP at sections E.X. Considerations for Future Legislation, E.XI. Sustainable Financing Strategies, and E.XIV. Community Education and Outreach with Government Office Recycling . It is also discussed at length in the Universal Garbage Collection Report.	
10/26/2023 8:07:02	Trash burning and dumping are still big problems for air quality and the environment . Community education should address this in multiple languages. Maybe community members should get training and then get give-aways and information materials they can give to others in their villages so they can help be part of the solution! Especially with the current financial issues in CNMI it would be great if we could pay people to be litter control enforcement officers and use fines to help fund clean-ups and recycling and education . Maybe offering free pickup for sorted trash and recycling and charging if you make more than that could help too, but even if dump sites were more convenient (Marpi is far!) a lot of people will still litter and burn because it is easier or maybe they don't know better so we should work on that more too!		Environmentally compliant waste management	Thank you for the comment. Training and outreach is addressed in sections E.VIII. Training— Institutional Strengthening and E.XIV. Community Education and Outreach with Government Office Recycling , respectively.	
10/27/2023 10:30:20	CNMI electricity powered by solar panels to reduce fuel waste and carbon emission into the atmosphere. Implementing Green 2 Go into the CNMI food industry to reduce waste .	Yes	Waste reduction, renewable energy electrification	Thank you for your comment. Electrification of solid waste systems has been raised in comments and is being included as a consideration for all systems in the plan update	
11/7/2023 14:25:08	To reiterate, we should look at becoming the regional hub for recycling . We take material from Guam, Palau, FSM (and possibly Philippines) and process into our own aluminum cans, paper/cardboard, etc.	No	Job creation through solid waste management	Thank you for your comment. The 5-year implementation timeline includes initial projections for existing staffing and certainly as systems expand so will operations and maintenance needs - the CISWMP update includes emphasis on this point. The timeline can be found within the CISWMP at Attachment 19- Timeline .	
11/15/2023 17:18:03	Yes	attaojd@yahoo.com	N/A		
11/22/2023 10:55:00	p. 118 - correction to MINA equipment installations - housed at Northern Marianas Technical Institute, not NMC; p. 119/120 - Equipment Operations and Preventative Maintenance training may take place at the Northern Marianas Technical Institute - nationally recognized credentials can be acquired for all construction trades, including but not limited to Heavy Equipment Operations, Electronics System Technicians, etc.; OSHA 10 and 30 are also available for General and Construction Industry; Google Career Certificates offer various courses, such as Project Management, Data Analytics, cyber security (p.125) and others that may be beneficial to SOLID Waste Management taskforce. Partnership with CNMI's sole trade school can lead to capacity building activities and credential attainment for staff who are responsible for upkeep of all machinery and equipment that are purchased for the purposes of solid waste management. Apprenticeship programs are available within the CNMI Department of Labor in collaboration with NMC and NMTech as training providers. SWM Task Force may look into registering as an apprenticeship sponsor to ensure tailored curriculum, also known as, Related Training Instruction as it is established specific to the needs of the agency/business. p. 127 - Recycling/Zero waste education may also be conducted at NMC-CDI and/or NMTech as satellite sites or as a primary site. p.128 - Rota/Tinian - NMTech in collaboration with NMC and Mayor's Offices will be launching programs in core fundamentals and can work toward offering more courses with respect to SWM. Funded through OIA-Maintenance Assistance Program . Ultimately, NMTech is seeking partnerships with relevant government agencies to become Registered Apprenticeship Sponsors with the CNMI DOL and promote upskilling our current workforce, as well as provide credential attainment opportunities for new and existing staff.			Edits, education	Thank you for your comment. Updates to details regarding education and outreach have been made throughout the doc and within section E.XIV. Community Education and Outreach with Government Office Recycling . A potential NMTech partnership has been noted in references to future training and apprenticeship programs in section E.VIII. Training— Institutional Strengthening .
12/7/2023 9:57:24	We are interesting in participate the IPI project if any	kchlx@hotmail.com			

Comments received through email	<p>Hi Matt,</p> <p>BECQ Legal Counsel requests that you include this language in the CISWMP for the Advance Disposal Fee Program.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Advance Disposal Fee program</p> <p>One of the ways in which the CNMI will work to achieve its waste diversion goals is by developing and enacting an Advance Disposal Fee (ADF) program. The intent of the diversion program is to divert waste materials from disposal in our landfills, reduce quantities and toxicity of the leachate generated by landfill operations, minimize air pollution and the generation of “greenhouse” gasses, and reduce illegal dumping and litter and their impacts on our environment.</p> <p>The CNMI Legislature already authorized the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) within BECQ to develop such a program when it passed Public Law 11-122, also known as the Commonwealth Recycling Act of 1999, which was codified in 2 CMC §§ 3531-3536. This Act directed DEQ to create an ADF program that would assess fees on certain imported materials which due to their environmental, economic or social impact should be diverted from disposal within the Commonwealth. DEQ seeks to develop, through regulation, ADFs for specific materials deemed viable for diversion in order to equitably support diversion activities and provide for a stable funding base for recycling of targeted materials. The program is intended to be self-sustaining, with a minimal impact on the cost of goods to end-users.</p> <p>ADFs are fees assessed at the point of entry to the Commonwealth which are intended to cover a portion of the costs of the management of specific materials which end up in the waste stream. These fees should reflect the total cost of waste management and provide funding for alternative management activities such as recycling, reuse or re-manufacturing. All funds collected through the imposition of ADFs shall be deposited in the Environmental Management Fund within the Commonwealth Treasury, which was specifically established to facilitate the diversion of recyclable materials.</p> <p>Initially, DEQ would like to conduct a feasibility study to identify which specific materials to include in the ADF program. The focus initially should be on those materials which have been found to have significant environmental impacts, pose substantial costs to the existing waste management infrastructure, and/or have an identified potential for economic diversion. Possible options include car batteries, junk motor vehicles, tires, enameled white goods, home appliances not considered enameled white goods, glass and plastic bottles, foam padding, lead, mixed metals, automobile oils and fluids, electronic waste, heavy equipment, and more. The feasibility study would also evaluate the existing processes by which these materials get imported, handled and discarded/recycled in the CNMI to determine the viability of participation from importers, wholesalers, retailers, and the public.</p> <p>Using the results from the feasibility study, DEQ would then draft regulations and procedures for the program before moving into the implementation phase.</p>	<p>These comments received from the CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality regarding a proposed Advance Disposal Fee Program are duly noted and have been incorporated into the CISWMP. More details on this proposed program can be found in sections 9.X. Considerations for Future Legislation and EXI. Sustainable Financial Strategies.</p>
Received 10/17/23		
Received 11/27/23	<p>Interim Steps for Advanced Disposal Fee Program</p>	<p>These comments received from the CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality regarding a proposed Advance Disposal Fee Program are duly noted and have been incorporated into the CISWMP. More details on this proposed program can be found in sections EX. Considerations for Future Legislation and EXI. Sustainable Financial Strategies.</p>

	<i>Initiate cardboard boxes feasibility study on November 9, 2023. Six (6) months deadline to complete feasibility study by May 2024.</i>	
	<i>Retrieve CNMI Customs report for the last five (5) years on imports of containers containing cardboard boxes.</i>	
	<i>Conduct wholesaler survey.</i>	
	<i>Conduct retail stores survey on cardboard disposal.</i>	
	<i>Draft feasibility study results report.</i>	
	<i>Meet with CNMI Customs and BECQ.</i>	
	<i>EPA review of feasibility study.</i>	
	<i>Draft proposed regulations for ADF Program on cardboard box pilot program and work with Legal Counsel for finalization</i>	
	<i>Promulgate regulations on ADF Program for cardboard box pilot program.</i>	
	<i>Create Standard Operation Procedures (SO P's) for ADF Program.</i>	
	<i>Finalized feasibility study.</i>	
	<i>Implement ADF Pilot Program.</i>	
	<i>Recruit at least (2) staff to oversee the ADF Program.</i>	

Meeting / Source	Comment	Theme	ISWTF / CISWMP Response
Rota	We need to take care of the dump right now. Is there a way that [the Office of Planning and Development (OPD) and/or the Inter-Island Solid Waste Management Taskforce (ISWMT)] can help us take care of the mountain of trash that we have right now?"	Waste sorting, implementation	Thank you for this comment and question. Waste sorting and implementation efforts are underway now as currently detailed in section E.I. Introduction to Action Plan Components: Opportunities & Justification of the CISWMP.
Rota	Look into residential routed garbage collection for Rota.	Garbage collection	Thank you for this comment. Discussion of routed garbage collection is included in the updated CISWMP at section E.IV. Community Education and Outreach with Government Office Recycling .
Rota	A public hearing attendee wanted to learn more about what is in the CISWMP regarding establishing a permitted, compliant landfill on Rota.	SCEL / permitting	Thank you for this question. This plan aims to have all facilities permitted within the next five years.
Rota	Is there a possibility of having an incinerator on Rota?	Waste management, implementation	Incineration is possible, but is not currently included in the CISWMP. Air pollution as a result of incinerating solid waste will always be in question. Obtaining sufficient material has also been a challenge in other larger jurisdictions (ex Oahu). Additional data and analysis would be needed to confirm if incineration could be viable on Rota or in CNMI.
Rota	We need to recycle. There is a lot of wasted things in the dump, especially iceboxes, tires, etc.	Recycling	Thank you for this comment. Recycling opportunities and current implementation efforts are detailed for Rota specifically at sections C.IV. Rota- Existing Solid Waste Management Facilities and E.IV. Rota New/ Proposed Solid Waste Management Facilities and for the CNMI in general in sections C.I. Overview of Current CNMI Waste Management Systems and E.I. Introduction to Action Plan Components: Opportunities & Justification of the CISWMP.
Rota	I am glad that this outreach happens here in Rota to learn more about landfill and the equipment that the [are] going to use to make a better landfill for the island of Rota.	Outreach, improving solid waste management	Thank you for this comment and your participation and support!
Tinian	Is there any thought being put into the private operations of the Tinian landfill once it is developed and permitted? What is the timeline for permitting?	SCEL / Landfill permitting and operations	Thank you for these questions. Private operations may be an option. This plan aims to have all facilities permitted within the next five years.
Tinian	Will there be a tipping fee at the Tinian landfill?	Funding	Thank you for this question. Tipping fees may be considered as a potential source for sustainable funding. This will be something for Tinian leadership to look into further and consider once Tinian's landfill is permitted and developed. Currently, there is no tipping fee at Tinian's open dump. Fundraising systems for solid waste management systems in the CNMI exist (ex. Environmental Beautification Tax), and the Marpi Landfill on Saipan charges a tipping fee. This discussion on the need for a tipping fee at the future Tinian landfill is duly noted and will be incorporated into the CISWMP
Tinian	Once Tinian's landfill is opened, will federal funding be distributed? How much?	Funding	Thank you for these questions. Federal funding is distributed through the grant application and negotiation process. As numerous federal grants may be available and appropriate to support priority project implementation, development and approval of such work plans will inform future funding distributions. Having a completed and approved solid waste plan (the CNMI CISWMP) will open the CNMI up to more federal funding opportunities, and notably will allow the CNMI to make full use of \$56 million in funding appropriated for the CNMI through the Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act (ASADRA), 2019 and other funding sources. Furthermore, federal contractors and federal projects will be able to use Tinian's landfill once it is developed and permitted.
Tinian	(In regards to a proposed one-time derelict vehicle cleanup for Tinian that is found within the CISWMP) What area will be part of this cleanup, and is it possible to expand this cleanup effort to collect and process other metals, such as derelict shipping containers?	Vehicle cleanup	Thank you for this question. For the one-time cleanup, equipment will be placed at the site where the majority of Tinian's derelict vehicles are, which at this juncture is a lot of cars managed by the Department of Public Works (DPW). In the long-term, there will need to be a system to take derelict vehicles from other parts of the island and transport them to the location where the machinery will be placed for further processing. Through a portion of ~\$614,000 in grant funding from the EPA through its Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Program, Tinian will soon be getting new equipment that will allow DPW to perform metals processing and recycling. Once this equipment is on-island, other metals could be processed.
Tinian	How long will this one-time derelict vehicle cleanup go on for?	Vehicle cleanup	Thank you for this question. Approximately \$2 million was estimated for this activity. Taking into account all costs associated with transporting equipment to and operating on Tinian, it may take ~6-8 months to fully expend this ~\$2 million.
Tinian	A public hearing attendee expressed the need for a long-term solution and possible funding source for processing derelict cars and metal recyclables on Tinian.	Vehicle cleanup/ metals recycling	Thank you for this comment. Long-term waste management solutions including sustainable funding are a recognized need that are discussed further with respect to Tinian in section E.XI. Sustainable Financing Strategies of the CISWMP.
Tinian	What will go into closing current Tinian's open dump and turning it into a permitted, compliant landfill?	SCEL / Landfill permitting and operations	Thank you for this question. After a project period dedicated to the assessment and design of a landfill on Tinian, a portion of Tinian's open dump will be closed, leveled, and covered with ~2-3 feet of dirt. Whoever will undertake this future project will have to develop a system to build the landfill on top of the existing dump. Use of the current site until an alternate site is available is detailed further in section E.III. Tinian New/Proposed Solid Waste Management Facilities of the CISWMP.
Tinian	Is it feasible to get electric heavy equipment for Tinian?	SW operations / vehicle electrification	Thank you for this question. Electric heavy equipment for Tinian is an option— this is currently being looked further into on Saipan at the Marpi Landfill through a backup power feasibility study. In the future, the results and findings from this study could be scaled and applied to Tinian and Rota. Looking into the feasibility of electric heavy equipment for Tinian is duly noted, and was discussed by the ISWTF as a consideration when sourcing potentially more environmentally friendly and cost-efficient machinery. Recommendations to include this as a consideration for equipment sources has been incorporated into the CISWMP in section E.III. Tinian New/ Proposed Solid Waste Management Facilities .
Tinian	Will the one-time derelict vehicle cleanup include the collection and disposal of oil and car batteries?	Vehicle cleanup	Thank you for this question. Yes. In the long-term, doing this on Tinian requires staff to be trained on how to prepare vehicles for dismantling. This has been noted in the training section of the CISWMP at section E.VIII. Training— Institutional Strengthening .

Tinian	Will the requests for proposals (RFPs) and contracts to procure heavy equipment for Tinian account for the costs surrounding maintaining and repairing this equipment?	Procurement, maintenance	Thank you for this question. Yes—the Inter-Island Solid Waste Management Taskforce (ISWMT) accounts for this as much as possible in its work plans and RFPs by including details on the costs of “Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants” (POL). Maintenance and training plans are referenced in sections E.VIII.Training—Institutional Strengthening and in Tables 19 to 34 of the CISWMP respectively.
Tinian	What education and outreach activities will be part of the CISWMP?	Education and outreach	Thank you for this question. Education and outreach will be crucial as these programs, activities, and solid waste infrastructure investments are rolled out. The education and outreach portion of the CISWMP specific to Tinian has been revised in section E.XIV. Community Education and Outreach with Government Office Recycling .
Tinian	Are there regulations for vegetable oils/ other types of oils that end up going to landfill?	Regulations	Thank you for this question. Vegetable oils at the CNMI’s landfill and dumps are a growing concern. This will be looked into further, and recommendations on the handling and disposal of vegetable oils will be incorporated into the CISWMP. One priority within the CISWMP is to get personnel trained up on household hazardous waste management, which includes many other hazardous materials and other types of oils such as motor oil. The CISWMP has been updated at section B.II. Other Materials in the CNMI to note oils are a concern and in section E.VI. Other Zero Waste/ Circular Economy Initiatives to flag possible reuse options for fuel or compost that may be assessed further.
Tinian	“Emphasizing the outreach activities on importance of the “3 Rs” and “Repurpose”, Circular Economy, timeframe identified to make decisions as the evolution moves forward”	Education and outreach	Thank you for this comment. Tinian’s commitment to the 3Rs is very much appreciated. The goal of the CISWMP is to support implementation activities for the next five years and beyond to help achieve more sustainable waste management systems for all of the CNMI.
Tinian	Continue to push out community involvement.	Education and outreach	Thank you for this comment and for your engagement at the public meeting!
Tinian	Thank you for having this public forum.		Thank you for this comment and for your engagement at the public meeting!
Saipan	Which department will be operating the multishredder?	SW operations	Thank you for this question. At this time, there is no specific designation on who will be operating the multishredder. It will be procured by the Office of Planning and Development (OPD) and received by the Department of Public Works (DPW). The equipment itself might be operated by a private contractor chosen by DPW.
Saipan	What is energy recovery and what does it look like? Why is it not mentioned in the CISWMP?	Energy recovery	Thank you for these questions. Energy recovery is not in the plan because the CNMI currently does not have any waste-to-energy incinerators. Energy recovery is where you burn garbage, have the energy generated from said burning turn turbines, and generate electricity. It is noteworthy that the Marpi Landfill Backup Power Feasibility Study is ongoing, which seeks to look further into alternative energy options for the Marpi Landfill, which is not connected to Saipan’s main power grid and runs off of diesel generators. Due to the <i>Friends of Marpi</i> court decision barring utility pole installation in the conservation area, this alternative was determined to not be viable as it is understood to not be permissible. The CISWMP has been updated at section E.XVI. Considerations for Conservation and Climate Change Issues to reflect this analysis and initial recommendations of the Marpi Backup Power Assessment.
Saipan	What are your thoughts on incinerators?	Incineration	Thank you for this comment. Incinerators are not currently in the plan, but they could be something that the Inter-Island Solid Waste Management Taskforce (ISWMT) could look into further. Air pollution as a result of incinerating solid waste will always be in question. Obtaining sufficient material has also been a challenge in other larger jurisdictions (ex Oahu). Additional data and analysis would be needed to confirm if incineration could be viable on Saipan or in CNMI. The CISWMP has been updated at section C to reflect this analysis.
Saipan	Have you identified the sites for the two proposed new citizen convenience centers?	Convenience centers	Thank you for this question. DPW has identified and is working to permit two sites - one will be in As Gonno, and the other in Kagman, as reflected in section E. II Saipan Existing and New/ Planned Solid Waste Management Facilities and Services of the CISWMP.
Saipan	The two sites identified for the two new proposed citizen convenience centers, As Gonno and Kagman, are residential and farming/ homestead areas. For the waste that will make their way to these centers, will organics be separated? The concern is that the odors produced from the organics will attract many pests that will affect the homes and farmers of those in As Gonno and Kagman.	Convenience centers	Thank you for sharing this concern. At this time, separating organics from the trash that will go to these centers is not planned at this time. However, this comment is duly noted and worth exploring further. Section F subpart XIII of the CISWMP has been updated to emphasize the importance of proper waste segregation and management practices including vector control to reduce risk of negative impacts.
Saipan	Are there plans to shred/ pelletize fiber, plastics, etc. and convert them into alternative fuel/ for recycling?	Waste-to-energy / recycling	Thank you for this question. This was not in the draft CISWMP, but has been discussed regarding reuse and recycling opportunities further in section C regarding waste-to-energy and section F subsection XI regarding “other zero waste / circular economy initiatives” of the revised document.
Saipan	Is there a possibility that any company on Saipan that imports electronics can be mandated to participate in a “cradle-to-grave” program where e-waste is sent back to manufacturers?	E-waste management / funding/ producer responsibility	Thank you for this question. Several options could be explored in regards to e-waste: an advanced disposal fee could be added when importing electronics and/or an “Extended Producer Responsibility” requirement could be implemented. The revised CISWMP includes discussion of advanced disposal fees at section E.XI. Sustainable Financing Strategies and extended producer responsibility at section E.X. Considerations for Future Legislation .
Saipan	With all things in the CISWMP implemented, what would the lifespan of Marpi Landfill Cell 2 be?	Marpi Landfill	Thank you for this question. The lifespan of Cell 2 is hard to predict, but at this time the current estimate is ~10 years. Table 10 of the CISWMP has been updated to clearly state the basis for this estimate.
Saipan	How much waste did Typhoon Soudelor and Super Typhoon Yutu contribute to the landfill?	Marpi Landfill	Thank you for this question. Approximately 38,000 cubic yards of debris from Super Typhoon Yutu are staged at the back of the Marpi Landfill. Section B.I. CNMI MSW Tonnage and Per Capita Generation Rate Estimates of the CISWMP has updated to reflect this and reference the solid waste emergency response plan at Attachment 4 to highlight leading practices in waste reduction including segregation of green waste which CNMI already implements after storms.
Saipan	Are there any plans for a salvage/ reuse center?	Materials salvage / reuse	Thank you for this question. This type of center could possibly be part of the surplus center proposed in the CISWMP, and section E.VI. Other Zero Waste/ Circular Economy Initiatives has been revised to include discussion of “reuse” or salvage centers further.

Saipan	Is converting cooking oil into biofuel being explored?	Oil to biofuel	Thank you for this question. At this time, it has not been reviewed. There will be a need to collect data on how much cooking oil is being received at the CNMI's solid waste facilities. This idea however is worth exploring, and is duly noted. Due to current data gaps, the CISWMP has been updated to reflect the recommendation that data on cooking oil use and current disposal practices be collected to support further analysis as to whether this would be a cost efficient or commercially viable option to support reuse and waste diversion goals.
Saipan	How many jobs will be created as a result of this new solid waste infrastructure, and what are the plans for these jobs?	Job creation	Thank you for this question. The ISWMT will work on including further details, and possibly a number estimate, on the amount of jobs created through implementing the activities, programs, and facilities found in the CISWMP. Personnel needed include staff for the Recycling and Education Center on Rota, staff for the composting centers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, and heavy equipment operators, among others. Tables 19-34 has been updated to include estimated staffing projections based on the workplan.
Saipan	What is DPW doing to educate the public on the limited landfill space?	Education and outreach / Marpi Landfill	Thank you for this question. The need to have focused education and outreach messaging that highlights the limited permitted airspace at the landfill is duly noted, and has been included in sections E.XVI. Considerations for Conservation and Climate Change Issues and E.XVII. Summary of Proposed Tasks, Considerations, Priorities, and Timing for Action of the updated CISWMP.
Saipan	Is shipping out one container full of recyclables per month low in terms of moving the CNMI towards its ten-year goal of diverting 50% of recyclables away from the CNMI's landfills?	Recycling / 2030 recycling goal	Thank you for this question. We are not meeting this ten-year goal right now, and shipping recyclables out of the CNMI is costly. Shipping more recyclables out is an option, but options to reduce recyclables at the source and keep materials within the CNMI are worth exploring as well, such as legislation for bans on certain materials and so on. Currently, the CNMI's recycling rate is between ~7%, as reflected in section B.I. CNMI MSW Tonnage and Per Capita Generation Rate Estimates of the CISWMP.
Saipan	Does the plan call for the establishment of a laboratory in the CNMI to perform necessary landfill sampling and assessments?	Facilities	Thank you for this question. The plan does not mention establishing a laboratory at this time, but note that the lack of a lab in the pacific region to assess landfill samples is a hole that impacts all territories and island countries in our region. The CNMI's landfill samples currently get shipped off to the mainland U.S, and there have been conversations regarding updating a laboratory in Guam.
Saipan	Will the plan include an assessment of soil quality at the landfill?	Soil testing	Thank you for this question. Typically at landfills, methane emissions and groundwater are monitored, not soil. Due to the robust site monitoring requirements under the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act and the CISWMP's goal to meet these requirements, soil monitoring was not included in the plan revision.
Saipan	How do we motivate the community to recycle?	Recycling	Thank you for this question. There are several tools the CNMI could make use of, such as a "carrot-and-stick" approach and targeted education and outreach campaigns centered around behavior change. Looking to California and their decades of expertise in this area may be worthwhile. Legislation and enforcement is detailed further in section E.X. Considerations for Future Legislation , and current and planned education and outreach efforts are discussed further in sections E.I. Introduction to Action Plan Components: Opportunities & Justification, E.IV. Rota New/ Proposed Solid Waste Management Facilities, E. VIII.Training— Institutional Strengthening E.XIV. Community Education and Outreach with Government Office Recycling.
Saipan	If those working in solid waste where paid more, and if the government enters into a cooperative agreement with the private sector, there would be a sense of pride in doing this important work and taking action to preserve the beauty of the islands. Keeping the islands beautiful is a community effort.	Good paying jobs, community stewardship	Thank you for this comment. Education and outreach efforts aimed at building community buy-in are detailed further in current and planned education and outreach efforts discussed in sections E.I. Introduction to Action Plan Components: Opportunities & Justification, E.IV. Rota New/ Proposed Solid Waste Management Facilities, E.VIII.Training— Institutional Strengthening E.XIV. Community Education and Outreach with Government Office Recycling.
Saipan	Does the plan call for further appropriations to fund the proposed solid waste activities and facilities mentioned in the plan?	Funding	Thank you for this question. No, the plan lists and assesses various financial tools and systems (ex. Environmental Beautification Tax, advanced disposal fees, additional fees for residential garbage and recyclables collection, etc.) and provides recommendations for courses of action. Funding is discussed further in section E.XI. Sustainable Financing Strategies.
Saipan	Education is main key because easy to dump some of trash but hard to collect or separate trash based on each character. In Korea, it takes more than 20 years to follow government plan that need to separate each trash. (Now everybody doing separate trash). Then, we need to educate to start about this plan from elementary school. Also, keep on continue to educate and better put in to major subject as English + Math. Then, automatically it will be affect whole community. It will takes time but it will be sure for future.	Education	Thank you for this comment. Education and outreach efforts aimed at building community buy-in are detailed further in current and planned education and outreach efforts discussed in sections E.I. Introduction to Action Plan Components: Opportunities & Justification, E.IV. Rota New/ Proposed Solid Waste Management Facilities, E.VIII.Training— Institutional Strengthening E.XIV. Community Education and Outreach with Government Office Recycling.
Saipan	I'd like to see a cost breakdown on how the federal funding for this plan will be allocated.	Funding	Thank you for this comment. Federal funding is distributed through the grant application and negotiation process. As numerous federal grants may be available and appropriate to support priority project implementation, development and approval of such work plans will inform future funding distributions.
Saipan	Salvaging/ stripping of electronic devices (e-wastes); proper disposal of toxic waste	E-waste management	Thank you for this comment. Proper disposal of all wastes is a goal of this living document.
Saipan	Use language and verbiage to thoroughly explain plan in straightforward, audience-friendly format. Good job SW Team	Readability	Thank you for this comment. An executive summary has been added to the CISWMP to provide a straightforward overview of some of the more technical sections of the plan that follow.
Saipan	Have the talk available on the OPD website so that those interested but could not attend are able to access this; look into the EPA grant funding requirements and see what info the plan needs to provide; look into the economics of these efforts (costs, benefits, opportunities)	Outreach / engagement	Thank you for this comment. Notes and presentations from these public hearings are published on the OPD website. Additional funding opportunities are discussed further at section E.XI. Sustainable Financing Strategies of the CISWMP.
Saipan	integrate plans to legislate solid waste disposal, e.g. segregation, ban plastics	Legislation	Thank you for this comment. Suggestions for legislation to support plan implementation are detailed further in section E.X. Considerations for Future Legislation of the CISWMP.

Saipan	Elaborate more on Organic Processing Center; elaborate more on specific items in the characterization chart and how it is processed/ recycled/ reuse/ composted and how it extends to the surplus store? And for school/ public outreach; what happens to the used ink/ toner cartridges used in Xerox machines? And, how can we get Xerox to reuse/ recycle used cartridges	Suggestions for clarification / materials management / producer responsibility	Thank you for this comment and these questions. Table 9 reflects existing processes at the Lower Base facility on Saipan. E.XI. Sustainable Financing Strategies was revised to reflect the suggestion that distributors of used ink as well as phone supplies and other white goods be encouraged to support collection, redemption, and reuse or recycling efforts, and include expanded composting considerations.
Saipan	Alternate plans should be revisited for the Northern Islands as a pilot program area. It's a good place to start	Plan updates	Thank you for this comment. We look forward to receiving and incorporating additional feedback from the Northern Islands.