

***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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**Bill No. 175 – 37 (COR)**  
As substituted on the floor

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 48101 (c), *ADD NEW* §§ 48101 (f), (g) AND (h), *AMEND* § 48104 (a), § 48104 (b)(3), § 48104 (b)(4), § 48104 (c) AND 48104 (d), *ADD A NEW* § 48104 (e), *AMEND AND RENUMBER* §§ 48106, AND § 48112.1, *ADD A NEW* § 48112.1 (b) AND § 48112.2, *REPEAL* § 48125 AND 48126 (a), *ADD NEW* §§ 48125, 48126, 48127, 48128 AND 48129 ALL OF CHAPTER 48, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCLUDE NITROGEN REDUCING SYSTEMS, ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS, AND CREATE THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL ASSISTANCE FUND.**

1           **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2           **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that the use of residential septic systems is one of several main threats to the Northern  
4 Guam Lens Aquifer (NGLA) which supplies eighty percent (80%) of Guam’s  
5 drinking water. Studies by the University of Guam’s Water and Environmental  
6 Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI) from 2002 and 2020 reveal  
7 trending increase in nitrate concentrations attributable to the management of sewage.

8           *I Liheslatura* therefore establishes a new Type 4 toilet facility to provide  
9 options for landowners who under existing laws cannot develop their property where

1 sewer is unavailable, to encourage sewer connections for existing dwellings having  
2 access to new sewer lines, to empower Guam EPA to modernize the regulation of  
3 onsite wastewater disposal on Guam and to authorize Guam EPA to permit the  
4 installation, operation, and maintenance of Type 4 toilet facilities, and to mandate  
5 Guam EPA to promulgate rules and regulations, further installation, operation, and  
6 maintenance as soon as practicable, in order to protect our drinking water supply and  
7 the health of our people.

8 **Section 2.** §48101 (c) of Chapter 48, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is  
9 hereby *amended* to read:

10 “(c) Septic Tank means a water-tight receptacle which receives the  
11 discharge of untreated sewage designed and constructed so as to retain solids,  
12 digest organic matter through a period of detention, and allows the liquids to  
13 discharge into an exterior ~~leaching field~~ soil absorption system. They shall be  
14 fabricated or constructed of welded steel, monolithic concrete, fiberglass or  
15 an approved material. Tanks shall be watertight and fabricated to constitute  
16 an individual structure and shall be designed and constructed to withstand  
17 anticipated loads. The design of prefabricated septic tanks, the materials from  
18 which septic tanks may be constructed or fabricated, and the approval of plans  
19 for site-constructed tanks prior to construction shall be approved by the Guam  
20 EPA.”

21 **Section 3.** A new §48101 (f) through (h) of Chapter 48, Title 10, Guam  
22 Code Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

23 “(f) *Administrator* for the purpose of this chapter: the Administrator of the  
24 Guam Environmental Protection Agency,

25 (g) *Board* for the purpose of this chapter: the board of directors for the Guam  
26 Environmental Protection Agency,

27 (h) *The Fund* for the purpose of this chapter: means the Sewage Disposal

1 Assistance Funds formed pursuant to this chapter

2 (i) Guam EPA shall mean the Guam Environmental Protection Agency

3 (j) Private sewage disposal system means a sewage treatment and disposal  
4 system serving a single structure with a septic tank and soil absorption field located  
5 on the same parcel as the structure. This term also means an alternative sewage  
6 disposal system, including a substitute for the septic tank or soil absorption field, a  
7 holding tank, a system serving more than one structure, or a system located on a  
8 different parcel than the structure. A private sewage disposal system is permitted to  
9 be owned by the property owner. A private sewage disposal system excludes  
10 cesspools.

11 (k) Advanced nitrogen-reducing onsite disposal system means an onsite  
12 wastewater treatment and disposal system that reduces total nitrogen in effluent by  
13 at least fifty percent (50%) and that is certified by Guam Environmental Protection  
14 Agency.

15 (l) Soil Absorption System means a subsurface system of piping where  
16 effluent from septic tanks and other approved treatment tanks may seep into the  
17 surrounding porous soil by gravity. The piping is backfilled with the finished grade  
18 blending into adjacent grade level. This term can encompass Leaching Systems, as  
19 well as other systems for soil absorption.”

20 **Section 4.** § 48104 (a) of Chapter 48, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is  
21 hereby *amended* to read:

22 “(a) The following types of toilet facilities are permitted under the  
23 terms and conditions as hereinafter provided:

24 Type 1: Toilets flushed with water and connected ~~with~~ to a  
25 public sewer.

26 Type 2: Toilets flushed with water and connected ~~with~~ to a  
27 ~~septic tank and leaching system~~ private sewage disposal system, not

1 including cesspools.

2 Type 3: Privy type, including pit privy, trench latrine and  
3 bored hole latrine.

4 Type 4: Toilets flushed with water and connected to an  
5 advanced nitrogen-reducing residential onsite disposal system.”

6 **Section 5.** § 48104 (b)(3) and § 48104 (b)(4) of Chapter 48, Title 10, Guam  
7 Code Annotated, are hereby *amended* to read:

8 “(b) (3) Any such building existing at the time a public sewer first  
9 becomes available and being served by Type 2 or Type 4 toilet facilities which  
10 are entirely adequate and without defect may continue to be served by such  
11 existing facilities for a maximum period of ~~five (5) years~~ two (2) years’ time  
12 upon the following conditions.

13 a. No ~~repairs, replacements or~~ additions of or to such ~~facilities~~  
14 buildings that generate additional sewage loading will be permitted.

15 b. Whenever any such toilet facility become defective or  
16 inadequate, connection to the public sewer must be made within thirty (30)  
17 days after notice given by the *Administrator*, who may, however, upon  
18 application, extend the time to not more than six (6) months if he finds that  
19 the defect or inadequacy is not hazardous to health.

20 c. Whenever a public sewer becomes available, the *Administrator*,  
21 as soon as possible, shall make or cause to be made an inspection of all Type  
22 2 or Type 4 facilities on lands abutting the road, street, or other way or  
23 easement in which such sewer is located and shall promptly notify the persons  
24 concerned of his determination of which such facilities may continue to be  
25 used as above provided.

26 d. In situations within the Groundwater Protection Zone where the  
27 density of Type 2 and Type 4 facilities exceeds four (4) septic tank and soil

1 absorption systems per acre and public sewer is available, in order to protect  
2 the groundwater, the *Administrator*, upon documenting the feasibility of  
3 connecting the toilet facilities to the sewer line, has discretion in requiring  
4 building owners to connect to the public sewer within six (6) months of being  
5 served proper notice.

6 (4) The *Administrator* may inspect or cause to be inspected any toilet  
7 facility at any time and shall make or have made suitable inspections with  
8 such frequency as may be necessary to assure compliance with this ~~Section~~  
9 Chapter.”

10 **Section 6.** § 48104 (c) and (d) all of Chapter 48, Title 10, Guam Code  
11 Annotated, are hereby *amended* to read:

12 “(c) Where water is available from ~~the Public Utility Agency of~~  
13 ~~Guam~~ a public water system as defined by 10 GCA §53102, but a public sewer  
14 is not available, toilet facilities shall be of Type 2 or 4 pursuant to regulations  
15 promulgated by Guam EPA. This Subsection shall apply to all buildings  
16 constructed after the effective date of this Act. With respect to buildings in  
17 existence on the effective date of this Act, this Subsection shall apply to all  
18 such buildings, except dwellings, from and after six (6) months after the  
19 promulgation of rules and regulations by Guam EPA, or after water becomes  
20 available, whichever is later. This Subsection shall apply to dwellings from  
21 and after one (1) year after the promulgation of rules and regulations by Guam  
22 EPA, or after water becomes available, whichever is later, except that this  
23 Subsection shall not apply to any such existing building where the size of the  
24 lot or the soil permeability of the lot, as may be determined by the  
25 *Administrator*, is inadequate and unsuitable for the installation and operation  
26 of toilet facilities of Type 2.

27 (d) In all other cases, toilet facilities shall be of Type 2 or Type 3 ~~4~~

1 pursuant to regulations promulgated by Guam EPA. In no case shall the  
2 construction of new cesspools be allowed ~~after the effective date of this act.~~”

3 **Section 7.** A new § 48104 (e) is hereby added to Chapter 48, Title 10, Guam  
4 Code Annotated, to read:

5 “(e) Only for land covered by 21 GCA §62104(a) (land which is an asset of  
6 the estate of decedent) that is located within the Groundwater Protection Zone (GPZ)  
7 as established under 10 GCA §47108.1:

8 (a) The minimum lot size on which a Type 2 facility serving a single  
9 dwelling unit shall be nineteen thousand two hundred (19,200) square feet;

10 (b) The minimum lot size on which a Type 4 nitrate reducing system  
11 facility serving a single dwelling unit shall be nine thousand six hundred (9,600)  
12 square feet.

13 **Section 8.** §48106 of Chapter 48, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated is hereby  
14 *amended and renumbered* as §48106 (a), (b) and (c) and to read:

15 (a) No septic tank, soil absorption system, or privy be located within  
16 a horizontal distance of three hundred (300) feet of any river, creek, pond,  
17 reservoir, stream, well, spring, or body of fresh water, or within a horizontal  
18 distance of five (5) feet of the boundary line of any lot or located in position  
19 not easily accessible for emptying or cleaning. No ~~or [sic]~~ septic tank or soil  
20 absorption system shall be constructed, located, or maintained within a  
21 horizontal distance of ten (10) feet and no privy shall be constructed, located,  
22 or maintained within a horizontal distance of twenty (20) feet, of any dwelling,  
23 school, public building, or a building used for commercial or industrial  
24 purposes, or as a place of assembly.

25 (b) Additional location requirements for all other components of  
26 Type 2 or Type 4 systems may be established pursuant to regulations  
27 promulgated by Guam EPA.

1           (c)\_\_\_ Provided, however, that the limitation with regard to location of  
2 any privy, septic tank, or soil absorption system within five (5) feet of the  
3 boundary line of any lot shall not apply to any privy, septic tank, or soil  
4 absorption system now so located.”

5       **Section 9.** §48112.1 of Chapter 48, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is  
6 hereby *amended* and *renumbered* as §48112.1 (a) and (b) to read:

7           “**§48112.1 Ordering of Replacement, Repair, etc.: Procedure.**

8           (a) Any toilet or sewage facilities, sewage disposal system, septic  
9 tank, soil absorption system, or privy which fails to comply with the  
10 provisions of this Chapter, or which has become dangerous to human life or  
11 health, shall be replaced, removed, repaired, altered, cleaned, or emptied by  
12 the owner of the premises, as may be ordered by the *Administrator*, so as to  
13 comply with the provisions of this Chapter. If the owner of such premises does  
14 not comply within fifteen (15) days after service of written notice of such  
15 order, upon the request of the *Administrator* work shall be done by the  
16 Department of Public Works, using appropriations of the Agency. The  
17 Director of Public Works shall determine a reasonable charge for such work  
18 and such amount shall be entered upon the real estate tax duplicate, shall be a  
19 lien upon such real estate from the date of entry, and shall be collected in the  
20 same manner as real estate taxes.

21           (b) Authority to disconnect water service. If notice prior to  
22 disconnecting is not feasible due to the existence of an emergency, the  
23 Administrator shall notify the owner, the owner's authorized agent, or the  
24 occupant of the building structure or service citizen in writing as soon as  
25 practical thereafter. The Administrator shall notify the public water system as  
26 defined by 10 GCA §53102, and wherever possible the owner or the owner's  
27 authorized agent and occupant of the building, structure or service system of

1 the decision to disconnect prior to taking such action. If not notified prior to  
2 disconnecting, the owner, the owner’s authorized agent or occupant of the  
3 building, structure or service system shall be notified in writing, as soon as  
4 practical thereafter.”

5 **Section 10.** A new §48112.2 of Chapter 48, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated  
6 is hereby *added* to read:

7 **“§ 48112.2. Hearings.**

8 (a) Any person who receives an order from the *Administrator*, as  
9 authorized by this Chapter, and any person whose permit application is  
10 disapproved or denied by the *Administrator*, may within fifteen (15) days of  
11 the date of receipt of the order or disapproval, file a notice of intent to appeal  
12 with the Board, setting forth in the notice the basis for the appeal.

13 (b) The Board shall, not more than sixty (60) days after filing of the  
14 notice of appeal, hold a public hearing consistent with the Administrative  
15 Adjudication Law. A decision shall be rendered by the Board within five (5)  
16 working days of such a hearing.

17 (c) The Board shall either affirm, modify or revoke any action or  
18 determination of the *Administrator* which is appealable, or issue an  
19 appropriate order or orders for the prevention, abatement or control of the  
20 sewage involved or for the taking of any other corrective action as may be  
21 appropriate to prevent, abate or control the sewage of pollutants.

22 (d) In the same manner as services provided in civil actions any  
23 person adversely affected by a decision of the Agency may have judicial  
24 review by filing a petition with the Superior Court of Guam in accordance  
25 with the Administrative Adjudication Law, and by simultaneously sending a  
26 copy of the filing by serving the *Administrator*. The petitioner shall reimburse



1        the Agency for the expenses associated with the preparation of the record for  
2        judicial review.”

3        **Section 11.** § 48125 and § 48126 of Chapter 48, Title 10, Guam Code  
4        Annotated, are *repealed* and *reenacted* to read as follows:

5        **“§ 48125 — Expiration of Fund.**

6        ~~“The Public Utility Agency Wastewater Fund shall expire as of June 30, 1985,~~  
7        ~~after which time, no further advances or grants shall be made. In addition, balances~~  
8        ~~within the Fund at the date shall be returned to the Unappropriated Surplus of the~~  
9        ~~General Fund. Loans outstanding at that date shall be repaid in the manner prescribed~~  
10        ~~by contract, except that payment shall be made to the Treasurer of Guam and~~  
11        ~~deposited in the General Fund account. The Chief Officer of the Public Utility~~  
12        ~~Agency of Guam shall at that time relinquish all records of the Fund to the Director~~  
13        ~~of Administration who shall be responsible for same and collection of loans~~  
14        ~~outstanding.~~

15        **§ 48126 — Penalties.**

16        (a) ~~Any person who violates any sewage disposal provision of this~~  
17        ~~Chapter, or any rule or regulation in force pursuant thereto, or who refuses or~~  
18        ~~neglects to comply with any lawful order issued by the Administrator in the~~  
19        ~~carrying out of the provisions of this Chapter, shall be guilty of misdemeanor~~  
20        ~~and subject on account thereof to a fine not to exceed \$1,000. Each day of~~  
21        ~~violation shall constitute a separate offense.”~~

22        **§ 48125. Permitting of Type 4 Facilities and Holding Tanks**

23        (a) Interim Permitting Authority.

24        (1) Guam EPA has the authority to grant construction and  
25        operating permits for Type 4 facilities and holding tanks prior to the  
26        issuance of regulations for such systems, pursuant to the requirements  
27        under this section.

1           (2) This authority, through Guam EPA, shall expire upon the  
2 issuance of such regulations, and in no case no later than twelve (12)  
3 months after enactment of this section.

4           (3) Interim fees. Applications for construction permits under  
5 this section shall be charged a fee of \$100, payable to The Fund. The  
6 interim fee for ~~annual~~ an operating permit shall be \$40, also payable to  
7 The Fund. The fees for construction permit applications and operating  
8 permits shall be established by Guam EPA after its due diligent inquiry  
9 into the administrative expenses necessary for the administration of  
10 permits.

11 (b) Approval of Type 4 facilities and holding tanks.

12           (1) All Type 4 facilities must be listed as approved under  
13 NSF/ANSI Standard 245, Wastewater Treatment Systems – Nitrogen  
14 Reduction.

15           (2) All applications for a holding tank must include a 5-year  
16 economic cost analysis comparing the cost of constructing and  
17 pumping the holding tank to the cost of connecting to public sewer.

18           (3) Holding tanks. Construction of all holding tanks shall be  
19 subject to the requirements of Section 805 of the International Private  
20 Sewage Disposal Code, as adopted under 21 GCA § 67101.4.

21 (c) Operating Permits Required.

22           (1) Operation of Type 4 facilities shall require issuance of an  
23 operating permit at a frequency determined by the *Administrator* and  
24 pursuant to §48125 (a) (3) of this Chapter. The operating permit shall  
25 include conditions as required by regulation and shall require the owner  
26 of the building to submit a maintenance contract with a Guam EPA-  
27 approved contractor covering the oversight, maintenance and repairs of

1 the Type 4 facility for the time period covered by the permit subject to  
2 regulations to be promulgated by Guam EPA pursuant to Chapter 48 of  
3 this Chapter.

4 (2) Operation of holding tanks shall require annual issuance  
5 of an operating permit by the *Administrator*. The operating permit shall  
6 include conditions as required by regulations promulgated by Guam  
7 EPA, and shall also require the owner of the building to submit a  
8 pumping and disposal contract with a Guam EPA - approved contractor  
9 to remove and dispose of all wastewater as needed.

10 (3) Failure to timely renew an operating permit for a Type 4  
11 facility shall be a violation of this chapter.

12 (d) Permit fees. Guam EPA shall establish fees for permits,  
13 inspections, and related services by regulation.”

14 **§ 48126. Service Utilities.**

15 (a) Connection of service utilities. No person shall make  
16 connections from a water or sewer system to any building or system that is  
17 regulated by this Chapter for which a permit is required until authorized in  
18 writing by the *Administrator*.

19 (b) Temporary connection. The *Administrator* shall have the  
20 authority to authorize, in writing, the temporary connection of the building or  
21 system to the water or sewer system for the purpose of testing systems or for  
22 use under a temporary approval.”

23 **Section 12.** A new § 48127 of Chapter 48, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated,  
24 is hereby *added* to read:

25 **“§ 48127. Violations and Penalties.**

26 (a) Unlawful Acts. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or  
27 corporation to erect, construct, alter, repair, remove, demolish or use any toilet

1 facility, or cause same to be done, in violation of any of the provisions of this  
2 Chapter.

3 (b) Notice of Violation. Administrator shall serve a notice of  
4 violation on (1) any person, firm, or corporation responsible for the erection,  
5 installation, alteration, extension, repair, removal, or demolition of any toilet  
6 facility in violation of the provisions of this chapter (2) any person, firm, or  
7 corporation in violation of a detailed statement of the approved construction  
8 documents thereunder or (3) any person, firm, or corporation in violation of a  
9 permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this Chapter. The  
10 Administrator shall also issue an order directing the discontinuance of the  
11 illegal action or condition and the abatement of the violation by the person,  
12 firm, or corporation responsible.

13 (c) Prosecution of Violation. Violations not cured or abated within  
14 the time prescribed by the Administrator in the notice of violation order, the  
15 Administrator may request the Office of the Attorney General to institute the  
16 appropriate proceeding at law or in equity to restrain, correct or abate such  
17 violation, or to require the removal or termination of the unlawful system in  
18 violation of the provisions of this Chapter or of the order or direction made  
19 pursuant thereto.

20 (d) Administrative Penalties. Any person who shall violate a  
21 provision of this Chapter or fail to comply with any of the requirements  
22 thereof or who shall erect, install, alter or repair any toilet facility in violation  
23 of the approved construction documents or directive of the Administrator, or  
24 of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this Chapter, shall be  
25 guilty of an administrative violation, punishable by a fine of not more than  
26 one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), payable to the Sewage Disposal Assistance  
27 Fund. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served

1 shall be deemed a separate offense.

2 (1) In determining the amount of any penalty assessed, the severity  
3 of penalties shall be commensurate to the severity of infractions. The  
4 Administrator shall take into account the nature, circumstances, extent and  
5 gravity of the violation or violations and with respect to the violator, ability to  
6 pay, good faith efforts to comply or an agreement to a compliance schedule,  
7 any prior history of such violations, the degree of culpability, economic  
8 benefit or savings if any resulting from the violation, and such other matters  
9 as justice may require. Guam EPA shall promulgate rules and regulations to  
10 further define the nature and severity of violations and punitive actions,

11 (e) Criminal Penalties. Any person who knowingly violates any  
12 provision of this Chapter, or any rule or regulation promulgated under this  
13 Chapter, or who refuses or neglects to comply with any lawful order issued  
14 by the Administrator in carrying out the provisions of this Chapter shall be  
15 guilty of misdemeanor and/or be fined not more than five thousand dollars  
16 (\$5,000) per day for each violation or noncompliance, payable to the Sewage  
17 Disposal Assistance Fund, and shall make restitution.

18 (1) In determining the amount of any penalty assessed, the severity  
19 of penalties shall be commensurate to the severity of infractions.

20 (f) Abatement of Violation. The imposition of the penalties herein  
21 prescribed shall not preclude the Office of the Attorney General from  
22 instituting appropriate action to prevent unlawful construction, or to join in or  
23 prevent unlawful construction, to restrain, correct or abate a violation, to  
24 prevent illegal occupancy of a building, structure or premises, or to stop an  
25 illegal act, conduct, business or use of any toilet facility on or about any  
26 premises.

27 (g) Unsafe Systems. Any toilet facility regulated by this Chapter that

1 is unsafe or constitutes a health hazard, insanitary condition or is otherwise  
2 dangerous to human life is hereby declared unsafe. Any use of toilet facilities  
3 regulated by this Chapter constituting a hazard to safety, health or public  
4 welfare by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence,  
5 disaster, damage or abandonment is hereby declared an unsafe use. Any such  
6 unsafe equipment is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and shall be  
7 abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition or removal.”

8 **Section 13.** A new § 48128 of Chapter 48, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated,  
9 is hereby *added* to read:

10 **“§ 48128. Stop Work Order.**

11 (a) Authority. Where the Administrator finds any work regulated by  
12 this code being performed in a manner contrary to the provisions of this  
13 Chapter or in a dangerous or unsafe manner, the Administrator is authorized  
14 to issue a stop work order.

15 (b) Service and Effect. The stop work order shall be in writing and  
16 shall be given to the owner of the property, the owner’s authorized agent or  
17 the person performing the work. Upon service of the stop work order, the cited  
18 work shall immediately cease. The stop work order shall state the reason for  
19 the order and the conditions under which the cited work is authorized to  
20 resume.

21 ~~(c) Emergencies. Where an emergency exists, the Administrator~~  
22 ~~shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work.~~

23 (c) Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after  
24 having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person  
25 is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be  
26 subject to penalties as specified in § 48126.”

1           **Section 14.** A new § 48129 of Chapter 48, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated,  
2 is hereby *added* to read:

3           “§ 48129. Sewage Disposal Assistance Fund.

4           There is established a non-lapsing fund, hereafter referred to as the  
5 “Sewage Disposal Assistance Fund” (Fund), which shall be maintained  
6 separate and apart from any other funds of the government of Guam and are  
7 not subject to the transfer authority of *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* and shall be  
8 administered by the *Administrator* of the Guam Environmental Protection  
9 Agency. The *Administrator* shall submit to the Guam Environmental  
10 Protection Board of Directors a quarterly report which shall include how such  
11 funds are being used in the implementation of this Chapter. Independent  
12 records and accounts shall be maintained in connection therewith. All fees,  
13 reimbursements, assessments, fines, and other funds collected or received  
14 pursuant to this Chapter shall be deposited in this Fund. The *Administrator*  
15 shall make every effort to apply for grants to provide financial assistance to  
16 increase access to compliant sewage disposal systems or sewer connections.  
17 Monies in the Fund shall be used for the following purposes:

18           (a) Administration and implementation of this Chapter including,  
19 but not limited to purchase of equipment, payment of personnel costs, public  
20 outreach, training, and contracts.

21           (b) Provision of grants for a sewage disposal systems or sewer  
22 connection for eligible applicants.

23           All monies in the Sewage Disposal Assistance Fund are hereby  
24 appropriated, and shall continue to be deemed appropriated, to the Guam  
25 Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) to be expended in accordance  
26 with this Chapter.”

1           **Section 15. Promulgation of Rules and Regulations.** Guam EPA shall  
2 promulgate rules and regulations to permit the installation, maintenance, and  
3 operation of Type 2 and Type 4 facilities as soon as practicable and no later than  
4 nine (9) months after enactment.

5           **Section 16.** The Guam Compiler of Laws is authorized to update the table of  
6 contents consistent with the numbering within this Chapter.

7           **Section 17. Short Title.** This act shall be known as the *Santos Land Act of*  
8 *2024.*

9           **Section 18. Effective Date.** The Act *shall* become effective immediately  
10 upon enactment.

11           **Section 19. Time Extension for Connection to Public Sewer.** The  
12 timelines under § 48104 (b) for connection to sewer for all existing buildings shall  
13 not begin at the date public sewer originally became available but shall instead begin  
14 ninety (90) days following the effective date of enactment.

15           **Section 20. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
16 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not  
17 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without  
18 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are  
19 severable.