

Guam is where America's day begins. The largest and southernmost of the Mariana's Islands and a possession of the United States is geologically located at 13 ° N and 144 ° E. Guam is volcanic in origin composing of limestone and clay and mountainous in the southern part. Guam has a dramatic coastline and white sandy beaches that are ringed by coral reefs and clear crystalline waters teeming with an exotic marine life. Our climate is tropical and tempered by the trade winds.

In order to keep Guam clean and beautiful, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducts studies and tests on the island's soil and waters. The results of these tests; forced the military to conduct clean up efforts at dump sites from the World War II era. These dumpsites contain chemical contaminants that continuously contaminate our soil and underground water supplies. The Environmental Protection Agency conducts periodic studies and routine inspections to enforce environmental laws that help protect the beauty of our island and our island's resources.

The results from these studies and tests are recorded and used for reference to reflect any changes in conditions that need addressing. These same results and finding assist to inform the public to increase their awareness and knowledge of dangers and environmental issues. Using the knowledge gained by these tests, the people of Guam can do their individual part in preserving our Island, our Community and our Resources so that it can be passed on and enjoyed for generations to come.