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Abstract:

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Pigs are an important component of Samoan culture. Yet pig effluent has become a chief source of contamination of surface and ground water and, consequently, a threat to human health. To increase public awareness of the environmental impacts of improper pig waste management, to improve animal husbandry skills, and to protect human health, the American Samoa Interagency Piggery Management Council was created in 2001. Member agencies pool resources and endeavor to collaborate and form partnerships in research, community education, and development and implementation of locally appropriate waste management practices. As a result, concise and accurate information is disseminated, public health issues are addressed, and water quality parameters are improving in some village streams.

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