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Senator Shawn Gumataotao issued the following statement upon learning of the closure of the Office of Homeland Security (OHS) and Office of Civil Defense (OCD) Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Agana Heights reportedly due to sewage backflow:

“Ensuring the EOC is prepared 24/7 is critical to the safety and health of our citizens and any disruptions to its operations jeopardizes this government’s ability to protect our community against known and emerging threats. I have spoken to the head of OHS and was assured that they are addressing deteriorating conditions at the EOC, including uncomfortable temperatures which compromise emergency response equipment, inoperable air-conditioning systems, and unusable restroom facilities.

Recognizing that an alternate EOC has yet to be established considering the closure of the Agana Heights facility, I also urge the Chief Executive to immediately engage the Guam National Guard and set up an alternate command center at the soonest, consistent with the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, to remain prepared for any and all threats against our community.”

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