

Environmental Protection Agency



Notice to the Public

Esso Exploration and Production Guyana Limited (EEPGL) has submitted an Application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for an Environmental Authorisation to undertake the Whiptail Project - Development of Production Facilities for Petroleum in the Stabroek Block, Offshore Guyana.

The proposed project will be implemented in multiple stages which include the following activities: well drillings and completions, mobilization and installation of subsea equipment, umbilicals, risers and flowlines (SURF), installation of a floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) facility, production operations, and decommissioning. The proposed project will be undertaken largely in the marine offshore environment and would require land-based activities for support activities at marine shorebases. As a result of the intended developmental activities, possible effects to the environment may include impacts on marine water quality, air quality, marine fauna, socio-economic resources, among others.

In keeping with the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the EPA has determined that this project may significantly affect the environment and so, will **require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)** before any decision can be made as to its approval or rejection, with the reasons being:

1. The potential impacts of the project on the physical, biological, and socioeconomic environment may be significant and long-term, given the type, scale and duration of the proposed activity.
2. The Project is in relatively close proximity to other development projects, which increases the potential for cumulative impacts of the projects.
3. The associated risks attached to unplanned events of petroleum production activities may be significant.

Members of the public are hereby invited, within twenty-eight (28) days of this Notice, to make written submissions to the Agency, setting out those questions and matters which they require to be answered or considered in the EIA.

A summary of the project can be viewed on the EPA's website (see link below) or uplifted at the Office mentioned below, at a reasonable cost of photocopying.

Project Summary Tab

<https://www.epaguyana.org/epa/project-summary2/download/5-project-summary/1034-whiptail-development-project-summary>

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