



Environmental Protection Agency Notice to the Public

Pursuant to Section 11(2) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has screened the applications for the grant of an environmental permit for the following proposed projects:

Bunkering Operations

1. Kenan Oselmo (Kenan) –to be located within Turn Basin, Port Kaituma River, Region #1.
2. Harrinarine Baliram (Kamila II) – to be located within Turn Basin, Port Kaituma River, Region # 1.
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4. Dinesh Dharmadeo – to be located within Lock Pan, Port Kaituma River, Region #1.
5. Lionel Rodrigues (Nigel & Sons) – to be located within Turn Basin, Port Kaituma River, Region #1.

Pursuant to **Section 11 (2) of the Environmental Protection Act**, the EPA has determined that the proposed projects/activities will not significantly affect the environment, and are therefore exempt from the requirement to conduct an **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**. **However, each project will be required to submit an Emergency Response Plan (ERP)**.

The reasons for this decision include:

1. There is the risk of spills during loading and offloading of fuel from the vessel as such fuel spills may potentially impact land and biodiversity. However, though a spill is possible, its impacts will not be significant, considering the quantity of fuel to be stored and transported, vessels are equipped with fire safety equipment and spill kits. Additionally, other mitigation measures shall be in place prior to all bunkering activities to reduce to probability of a fuel spill. These will include ensuring that all environmental conditions (weather, lighting etc.) and inspecting all transfer hoses, valves and pipeline prior to all bunkering activities.



2. The projects are considered small scale given the quantity of fuel that will be stored and transported on the vessels where the associated impacts on the physical resources, including air quality and water quality are low.
3. The projects also have the potential of colliding with fix or moving objects. Though it is possible, the probability is low due to the location of the bunkering activities. In an effort to minimize the probability, the vessels shall be equipped with effective communication systems such as telephones, handheld radios, signaling lamps, loud hailer, electric whistles, to name a few.
4. It is important to note that the vessels have obtained permit to operate in Guyana Waters within the riverine areas by the Maritime Administrative Department (MARAD).

Please be advised that this decision is in no way an indication that this project is approved.

The reasons for our decision are available at the following links on our website:

Project Summaries Tab:

1. Kenan Oselmo (Kenan) – <https://epaguyana.org/download/kenan-oselmo-project-summary/>
2. Harrinarine Baliram (Kamila II) – <https://epaguyana.org/download/harrinarine-bali...-project-summary/>
3. Dinesh Dharmadeo – <https://epaguyana.org/download/dinesh-dharmadeo-project-summary/>
4. Lionel Rodrigues (Nigel & Sons) – <https://epaguyana.org/download/lionel-rodriques-project-summary/>



Any person who may be affected by the proposed project may lodge an appeal against the Agency's decision (EIA not required) within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Notice. Appeals against the EPA's decision should be addressed to:

Appeals against the EPA's decision should be addressed to:

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