



Environmental Protection Agency

Notice to the Public

In accordance with **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 issuance of an Environmental Authorization for the following proposed projects:

Bunkering Operation

- ***Edward Rose Cooper (Bourbon Guyana Inc. – MV Bourbon Ruby) – to be operated within Guyana’s waters, inclusive of the EEZ.***
- ***Edward Rose Cooper (Bourbon Guyana Inc. – MV Bourbon Mistral) – to be operated within Guyana’s waters, inclusive of the EEZ.***
- ***Shairaz & Javed Ali (Shi-oil – MT Atlantic Sun) – to be operated within Guyana’s inland waters.***
- ***Shairaz & Javed Ali (Shi-oil – MT Mid Atlantic) – to be operated within Guyana’s inland waters.***
- ***Kirk Slater (Tidewater International Inc. – MV Shepherd Tide) – to be operated within Guyana’s waters, inclusive of the EEZ.***
- ***Ove Gjerstad (Hoyland Supply & Renewables AS – MV Sar Mariner) – to be operated within Guyana’s waters, inclusive of the EEZ.***
- ***Ove Gjerstad (Hoyland Supply & Renewables AS – MV Sar Odin) – to be operated within Guyana’s waters, inclusive of the EEZ.***

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, **the projects will be required to submit an Environmental Management Plan (EMP)**.

The reasons for this decision include:

- The impact of any fuel spills will not be significant, considering the quantity of fuel to be stored and transported. The vessels have internationally compliant fire safety systems, onboard spill containment equipment, and marine-grade clean-up kits.



- The vessels are equipped with oil spill and pollution preparedness, prevention and response mechanisms in conformity with standards established by MARPOL 73/78 and a Hazardous Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) for offshore bunkering activities. The vessels also have a Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP) to respond to spills.
- The vessels have double-hulled tanks onboard, which protect against any possible spills in the event of a collision.
- The vessels have obtained a permit to operate in Guyana Waters within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) from the Maritime Administrative Department (MARAD). MARAD ensures that the vessels comply with applicable IMO requirements and are equipped with the necessary fuel spill and pollution prevention and/or preparedness procedures set out in MARPOL 73/78.

Further details relevant to this decision are available via the following link on the EPA's website:

Project Summaries Tab:

1. <https://epaguyana.org/download/sar-mariner-project-summary/>
2. <https://epaguyana.org/download/sar-odin-project-summary/>
3. <https://epaguyana.org/download/bourbon-mistral-project-summary/>
4. <https://epaguyana.org/download/bourbon-ruby-project-summary/>
5. <https://epaguyana.org/download/shepherd-tide-project-summary/>
6. <https://epaguyana.org/download/bunkering-atlant...-project-summary/>
7. <https://epaguyana.org/download/bunkering-mid-at...-project-summary/>

Any person who may be affected by the proposed projects may 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:*



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