



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 application for the issuance of an Environmental Authorization for the following proposed project:

Bunkering Operation

- ***Tidewater Marine International Inc. (MV Southern Tide) – to be operated within Guyana’s Waters inclusive of the EEZ.***

The EPA has determined that the proposed project/activity will not significantly affect the environment and is, therefore, exempt from the requirement to conduct an **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**. **However, the project will be required to submit an Environmental Management Plan (EMP).**

The reasons for this decision include:

- The impact of any potential fuel spills is expected to be minimal, due to the moderate fuel quantity and the safety measures in place. The vessel is equipped with fire safety equipment, spill containment systems, and clean-up kits, ensuring effective spill control and response.
- The vessel is equipped with oil spill and pollution preparedness, prevention and response mechanisms in conformity with standards established by MARPOL 73/78 and a Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) for offshore bunkering activities. The vessel also has a Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP) to respond to spills.
- The vessel has double-hulled tanks onboard, which protect against any possible spills in the event of a collision.
- The vessel has obtained a permit to operate in Guyana’s Waters within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) from the Maritime Administrative Department (MARAD). MARAD ensures that the vessel complies with applicable IMO requirements and is equipped with the needed fuel spill and pollution prevention and/or preparedness procedures set out by MARPOL 73/78.

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

Project Summary Tab:

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

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