



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:

OPERATION OF GAS STATION AND FUEL STORAGE FACILITIES

- ***Shairaz Ali (Maripa Deep Water Harbour) –to be located at Maripa, East Bank Essequibo, Region #3.***
- ***Patricia Ann Mootoo and O’Neil Davanand Moothu (Mootoo’s One Stop Shop) – to be located at Lots 121-122 No.45 Village, Corentyne, Berbice, Region #6.***

The EPA has determined that these projects will not significantly affect the environment, and is 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 the EPA’s decision regarding the aforementioned projects include:

1. The risk of spills would be negligible since the project’s design will include the embedded controls/mitigation measures such as the installation of double-walled underground fuel storage tanks and bund wall with a capacity of 110% for above-ground fuel storage tanks to minimize and/or mitigate impacts to immediate receptors both flora and fauna as well as human health.
2. Impacts on waterways will be negligible since there will not be any direct discharge of effluent from the facilities.
3. Impacts on air quality will be negligible since these projects will not emit significant air pollutants such as particulate matter, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Sulphur dioxide (SO₂) and Nitrogen oxide (NO_x).
4. The projects’ locations were determined to be acceptable following the submitted approvals from other local authorities (Neighbourhood Democratic Council – No Objection, Guyana Fire Service, and Guyana Energy Agency).



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 Summary Tab:

Patricia Ann Mootoo and O'Neil Davanand Moothu
<https://epaguyana.org/download/mootoos-one-stop...-project-summary/>

Shairaz Ali (Maripa Deep Water Harbour)
<https://epaguyana.org/download/maripa-fuel-blen...-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:*

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