



# 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 grant of an Environmental Permit for the following proposed project:

***Guyana Power and Light (GPL) Inc. – Electrical Power Generation, Incineration, Mechanical Work, Fuel Storage, and Chemical Storage at Columbia, Mahaicony, East Coast Demerara.***

The EPA has determined that this project will not significantly affect the environment, and is therefore exempt from the requirement to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The reasons for the EPA's decision include:

- 1) Impacts on air quality will be negligible given that the generators are equipped with adequate technologies to aid in optimal emission and combustion. Additionally, the engines and fuel storage areas are adequately ventilated to reduce the buildup and accumulation of gases;
- 2) Impacts of noise will be negligible and non-continuous given that the generators are operated only when there is a deficit in the national power grid, activities will be limited to daylight hours where practicable and the best practicable means will be utilized to limit noise and vibration from the operations;
- 3) Impacts on water quality will be negligible given that all fuel tanks and hazardous waste will be housed within a tank farm with a bund wall on an impervious base;

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**

<https://epaguyana.org/download/gpl-columbia-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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