



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:

1. Guyana Water Incorporated-Improving the carbon footprint of water supply through the use of Renewable Energy Sources-Port Mourant Water Treatment Plant, East Berbice-Corentyne, Guyana.

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 its decision include:

1. The existing Port Mourant Water Treatment Plant (PMWTP) caters for 4,500 households, spanning from Miss Phoebe Village to Nigg, Corentyne Berbice and currently does not significantly affect the environment.
2. Impacts from noise will be low to moderate primarily during the operational phase of the PMWTP and the construction of the solar energy field; which will be short term and localized. The establishment of the solar energy field will eliminate the use of the back-up generator currently utilised at the PMWTP.
3. Impacts from dust pollution will be moderate and primarily during construction of the solar energy field and would be short term and localized.
4. With the establishment of the solar energy field, the PMWTP will utilise 40% of its annual energy consumption from a renewable source.
5. The project is not in close proximity to any sensitive ecosystem. Project activities will have low to minor effects on the existing biodiversity and ecosystem in the proposed project area.
6. The developer will ensure that waste will be recycled and reused as well as utilise appropriate disposal techniques in keeping with the Agency's Hazardous Waste Guidelines.

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:

Screening Decision Guyana Water Incorporated

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Project Summary Tab

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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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