



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:

Help- Ever Special Clinic – *Operation of a Medical Clinic*

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

1. The proposed project location is not environmentally sensitive; it has no special environmental attributes, rare ecosystems, habitats, or species at risk.
2. The facility is operational and is currently used as an outpatient facility providing laboratory diagnostic services. Moreover, the laboratory operates in a designated enclosed room and performs only blood collection and laboratory analysis.
3. Adequate measures to mitigate emissions to noise and biohazardous waste management have been outlined in the project's application for environmental authorization. These measures include :
 - a) The laboratory and the equipment are located in an enclosed room which dampens the noise impact.
 - b) Blood cultures are treated with chlorine and discharged down the sink into the holding tank.
 - c) Sharps and biohazardous waste (contaminated cotton wool, gauze, and small bandages) are placed into the red sharp containers and biohazardous waste bags, respectively. These are collected and disposed of by Public Hospital Suddie to be incinerated.
 - d) The general (non-infectious) waste is collected and disposed of by an EPA- authorized disposal service.

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

Project Summary Tab

<https://epaguyana.org/download/help-ever-medica...-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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