

Environmental Impacts Screening Decision

Wahab Import Inc. (Construction of a Wharf)

Project location and components



The project will take up one (1) acre of land. It is bordered on the north by residential dwellings, on the south by empty land, on the west by the Demerara River, and on the east by an access road.

The wharf at the aforementioned location will be constructed to extend about 75 feet into the Demerara River for the offloading of products for the warehouse that will be built at the aforementioned location. Additionally, fifty (50) greenheart piles of varying lengths will be driven into the seabed to stabilize the wharf, with running boards serving as a promenade. As part of the facility's safety measures, railings and lighting infrastructure will be installed.

Environmental impact screening

The EPA's screening concludes that there are no identifiable significant environmental impacts nor is the project deemed environmentally sensitive. Impacts arising from the construction and operational phases of the project are minor, localized, and acceptable. The project, however, does not meet the requirements for an EMP, but all needed and preventive measures will be implemented during the construction and operating stages to minimize any significant environmental repercussions.

1. During the construction, waste produced will be of minimum. A designated area will be allocated for all construction waste and disposal will be done by an independent contractor.
2. Impacts from dust pollution will be low to moderate and primarily during construction and short term and localized. All materials will be covered properly.
3. Garbage receptacles will be placed at strategic locations and empty twice weekly.
4. Refuelling of machinery will be done away from waterways.
5. Project activities will have low to minor effects on the existing ecological or biological (flora or fauna) biodiversity of the river at the project area, during construction which will be short term and measures exist to avoid, prevent and/or mitigate. Impacts on the environment associated with the physical dredging of the area and subsequent increased short-lived sedimentation will have a neutral to low impact on the River fauna and flora due to the area is subjected to inter tidal turbidity and sedimentation.
6. Due diligence and proactive management of all pre-construction, construction and operational activities will ensure limited disturbance to the daily business activities undertaken within the project area, and surrounding business and community activities.

Conclusion and recommendations

The EPA concludes that there are no significant impacts nor is the project deemed environmentally sensitive. Impacts arising from the construction and operational phases of the project are minor, localized, and acceptable. The proposed construction will result significant improvements to the area's operational activities, its efficiency, and provide improved environmental and economic service facilities to the communities and the nation in general.