



Environmental Protection Agency

Notice to the Public

Pursuant to Section 11(2) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) screened the application for the grant of an environmental permit for the following proposed project:

Atlantic Seafood – Fish Processing Facility at Lot 8, Unity, Mahaica, 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 its decision include:

1. The proposed site for the facility has been deemed appropriate for the activity by the Central Housing and Planning Permission (CH&PA) and it is not located within close proximity of similar activities that may contribute to any cumulative impacts.
2. Effluent from the facility will be treated via chlorination and removal of all organic solid wastes prior to discharge into the drainage canal.
3. No hazardous materials/waste will be stored on site.
4. 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 project area.
5. Wastes from the facility will be reused and disposed of via methods approved by the Agency. These methods include reuse as animal feed and disposal at an approved dumpsite.
6. Odour from the facility will be minimized through proper waste management practices, which would include:
 - Disinfection of the facility before and after operation.
 - Constant removal of all fish waste (scales, guts, head etc.) from site to prevent accumulation. Fish waste will also be stored in a designated area to reduce odour emissions into the environment.



7. Noise and vibrations from the operation of compressors on site will be mitigated by:

- Ensuring that they are equipped with the required mufflers/silencers;
- The establishment on an impervious surface to reduce vibration emissions into the environment.

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

<https://epaguyana.org/download/atlantic-seafoods-project-summary/>

Project Summary Tab

<https://epaguyana.org/download/atlantic-seafood...reening-decision/>

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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