



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:

Edmonds Farms and Investments – Poultry Rearing Facility at Lot 10, Belmonte, 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. Impacts from noise and dust pollution will be minor and primarily during construction of the facility and would be short term and localized.
3. Effluent from the facility will be treated via a holding/settling pond prior to discharge into the drainage canal.
4. No hazardous materials/waste will be stored on site.
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 project area.
6. Wastes from the facility will be recycled, reused and disposed of via methods approved by the Agency. These methods include composting and reuse of waste generated from pen.
7. Odour from the facility will be minimized through proper animal husbandry practices, which would include:
 - Disinfection of the pen after the rearing cycle would have been completed.



- Keeping pens dry through daily checks of watering cans for leakages and spillage, as well as the constant topping up and turning of litter to prevent caking.
8. Odour will also be mitigated through the creation of strong buffer zones via the planting of fruit trees around the perimeter of the property and pen. This appears to be an effective method, as studies have shown that vegetative buffers can incrementally mitigate odours by interacting with particulate matter, volatile organic compounds and ammonia through a complex of bio-physical dynamics.

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/edmonds-farms-screening-decision/>

Project Summary Tab

<https://epaguyana.org/download/edmonds-farms-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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