

THE ENFORCEMENT BRANCH

Seeks to encourage voluntary compliance with Acts and associated environmental regulations administered by NEPA.

OBJECTIVES



Seeks compliance with environmental and planning laws, regulations and standards.



Takes enforcement actions as necessary when laws and regulations are breached



Implements NEPA's services and programmes at regional level

MAIN FUNCTIONS

Investigation of complaints in a timely manner.

Monitoring compliance with environmental, planning and development approvals, policies, standards, laws and regulations.

Public education to increase environmental and planning awareness.

Appropriate enforcement action where necessary arising out of investigations and inspections.

Investigates suspected violations, issues enforcement notices and follow up with prosecution if necessary.



ACTION MIGHT INCLUDE

Firstly, WARNING LETTERS to encourage voluntary compliance. Where voluntary compliance fails or where urgent and immediate actions are required :

- STOP NOTICES & ENFORCEMENT NOTICE
- ENFORCEMENT NOTICES (NRCA)
- CESSATION ORDERS
- INJUNCTIONS



THE ACTS ENFORCED

- The NRCA Act
- Beach Control Act
- Watershed Protection Act
- Wild Life Protection Act
- Town & Country Planning Act
- The Land Development & Utilization Act
- The Endangered Species Act



In addition, there are acts monitored with other agencies:

- The Forest Act
- Fishing Industry Act
- Anti-Litter Act
- Public Health Act
- Country Fires Act
- Quarries Act
- Exclusive Economic Zone Act
- Pesticides Act
- Factories Act
- The Maritime Areas Act



REGIONALIZATION

It is proposed that regional offices will be set up, bringing the services of NEPA closer to its stakeholders in communities across the island. With this, the operations of the Enforcement Branch in St. Mary, Manchester, St. Andrew and St. James will be further strengthened at the local level. Each NEPA regional office will be staffed by a Coordinator and Investigator, Enforcement Officers, and Technical Officers. One Western Regional office is now in place with an office being established in Montego Bay and so far enforcement, watershed, public education and local collaborative functions are generated from there.

There are parish offices in -

Portland -	5 Smatt Road, Pt. Antonio Phone: 715-6932/ 33
St. Mary	RADA Building Frontier/ Port Maria
Trelawny	33 Georges, St. Falmouth P.O. Phone: 617-4031 Fax: 617-4032
St. Elizabeth	2 High Street, Black River Phone: 965-9980
Manchester	2B Caledonia Road, Mandeville Phone/ Fax: 625-0458

National Environment and Planning Agency

Vision

That Jamaica's natural resources are being used in a sustainable way and that there is broad understanding of environment, planning and development issues, with extensive participation amongst citizens and a high level of compliance with relevant legislation.

Mission

To promote sustainable development by ensuring protection of the environment and orderly development in Jamaica through highly motivated staff performing at the highest standard.

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