

National Environment and Planning Agency

A Government Agency

Vision

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 standards.

Services Offered

- Information and resource material on environmental planning and development issues.
- Advice on land-use, set-back from side boundaries, parking, distance and heights of buildings
- Guidance for your development ideas
- Response to pollution incidents

Core Functions

- **Monitoring the natural resource assets and the state of the Jamaican environment.**

Core Functions

- Preparing town and parish development plans, development orders, national environment planning and developmental strategies and action plans.

Core Functions

- **Enforce Planning Approvals in the areas covered by development orders.**
- **Develop state of the art environmental and land use database systems.**

Core Functions

- Engage in extensive and continuous Public Education programmes.

We Process and Approve Applications for :

- Environmental permits and licences
- Planning and development
- Change of agricultural land use
- Beach use

NEPA also deals with:

- Imports, exports and re-export for specified plants and animals [under Endangered Species Act/CITES]
- Exemptions under the Wild Life Protection Act

NEPA Grants Permits For:

- **Introduction of species**
- **Licence to discharge trade effluent and sewage**
- **Clearing of forested areas**
- **Nature tourism projects**

NEPA Grants Permits For:

- Industrial projects
- Construction of new highways and arterial roads.
- Watershed development Management Projects.
- Electrical transmission lines.
- Pipelines and conveyors including underground cables, gas lines

NEPA Grants Permits For:

- Construction of petroleum production, refinery, storage, stockpiling and fuel processing plants.
- Housing projects of ten units (10) or more.
- Resort complexes of twelve (12) rooms or more.
- Solid waste treatment and disposal facilities.

NEPA Grants Permits For:

- Pipelines and Conveyors including Underground Cables, Gas Lines
- Port and Harbour developments
- Sub-division of ten lots or more
- Hazardous waste storage treatment/disposal facilities.

What Guides NEPA?

- Natural Resources Conservation Authority Act
- Wild Life Protection Act
- Beach Control Act
- Watersheds Protection Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Town and Country Planning Act
- Land Development and Utilization Act

Affiliated Agencies Include:

- Forestry Department
- Department of Mines and Geology
- KSAC and Parish Councils
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade
- Jamaica Defence Force Coast Guard
- Jamaica Constabulary Force
- Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management

Affiliated Agencies Include:

- Water Resources Authority
- National Solid Waste Management Authority
- Ministry Of Agriculture
- Pesticides Control Authority

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