## Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Authority Held on 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 via Electronic Mail

**RESPONDENTS:** Mr. Eugene Saunders (Acting Chair)

Mrs. Susan Armstrong, Member, remote access

Mr. Andrew Barnes, Member Mr. Willie Ferguson, Member

Mr. James Morrison, Member<del>, remote access</del> Mr. Jonathan Starling, Member<del>, remote access</del>

**ADVISORS E-MAILED:** Dr Shaun Lavis, Hydrogeologist, DENR (sent e-mail)

Dr. Geoff Smith, Environmental Engineer, DENR Mr. Tom Crossan, Chief Environmental Health Officer, Ms. Patricia Hollis, Environmental Officer, DENR

Mr. Paul McDonald, Acting Senior Planner, Dept of Planning Mr. Armell Thomas, Senior Environmental Health Officer Mr. Kirk Outerbridge, Chief Engineer, Public Works

Mr. Tarik Christopher, Principal Engineer (Water & Sewage),

**Public Works** 

## 1. LF WADE AIRPORT GENSET: Reconsiderations of Licence Conditions: CP-637, CP-638, OL-1028, OL-1029

The applications for CP-637, CP-638, OL-1028, OL-1029 for two 1500 kW emergency back-up electricity generators located at the LF Wade International Airport were originally approved by the EA on 7 October 2020. The licences were subject to standard conditions and a specific condition regarding using sound absorbing blankets over the air intakes during genset operations.

Reconsideration of the licence conditions was required because:

- subsequent information concerning the costs and practicalities of installing a permanent sound abatement solution (a temporary system would not be appropriate at this installation) indicated that the specific condition was overly severe;
- on-going discussion over revision of EA Policy #9 (Emergency Back-Up Electrical Generators: Exhaust Emissions and Exterior Sound Guidelines) considers placing less stringent conditions on some "Essential Gensets" (of which the two 1500 kW gensets would be defined as such);
- the relatively low exceedance of guideline values; and
- a licence condition that enables any noise complaints to be addressed by reducing the sound to acceptable levels.

The Authority RECONSIDERED its earlier decision and **APPROVED** OL-1028 and OL-1029 with standard conditions only.

**CHAIRMAN** 

DATE