

## **National Environment Management Authority**

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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUC-TION OF FEACAL SLUDGE MANAGEMENT FACILITY IN N'GOMBENI WAA WARD, N'GOMBENI LOCATION, MATUGA SUB-COUNTY, KWALE COUNTY

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act 1999, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent, **Coast Water Works Development Agency**, proposes the construction of a feacal sludge management facility, which will comprise the following components for treatment process: pre-treatment units, solid/liquid separation unit, liquid fraction treatment units, solid fraction dewatering units, ancillary units, associated amenities and facilities in N'ombeni Waa Ward, N'gombeni Locarion, Matuga Sub-County, Kwale County.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

Impact	Mitigation Measures
Water Pollution	<ul> <li>Institution of spill prevention and control measures</li> <li>Conservative use of water in construction works</li> <li>Implement a construction waste management plan</li> <li>Implement soil erosion control measures</li> <li>Install and regularly empty sediment traps in surface drains around construction works</li> </ul>
Dust and Air Pollution	<ul> <li>Proper equipment and vehicle maintenance;</li> <li>Use of low Sulphur fuels</li> <li>Regulation of construction vehicle speeds;</li> <li>Sprinkling of dust accesses and other dust prone areas to lay dust</li> <li>Provision of PPEs such as dust masks to workers</li> <li>Minimise the period for machinery idling</li> <li>Rehabilitation of disturbed areas once completed</li> </ul>
Noise Pollution	<ul> <li>Use of noise abatement equipment for machinery</li> <li>Limit construction activities to daytime only</li> <li>Switch of noisy equipment when not in use</li> <li>Provide PPEs such as earmuffs to workers at the site</li> <li>Sensitise drivers/operators against hooting</li> </ul>
Biodiversity Disruption	<ul> <li>Development of a Reinstatement Plan and a landscaping/revegetation plan</li> <li>Ensure minimal stripping of vegetation at work areas;</li> <li>Establishment of sediment traps and silt fences;</li> <li>Institution of containment measures for hazardous substances</li> <li>Institution of waste management plan</li> <li>Only clear vegetation necessary for the construction activities</li> <li>Ensure that all personnel are informed and aware of the importance to protect fauna and flora</li> <li>Reinstatement of disturbed site</li> <li>Avoid removal of mature trees that have visual focal points</li> <li>Replacement of removed trees where possible;</li> <li>Proper housekeeping at construction site to reduce visual nuisance</li> </ul>
Soil Pollution	<ul> <li>Avoid offsite disposal of spoil</li> <li>Salvage, stockpile and ensure re-use of native topsoil</li> <li>Implementation of a site-specific reinstatement plan</li> <li>Institution of spill prevention and control measures</li> <li>Hazardous material to be stored a per MSDS's</li> <li>Stabilize and maintain access roads created to access project sites</li> <li>Stabilize construction site and camp(s) entrances/exists</li> </ul>
Increased Energy Use	<ul> <li>Minimise idling of machinery</li> <li>Avoid overloading of trucks and machinery</li> <li>Regular service of vehicles, plant and machinery</li> <li>Use environmentally friendly fuels such as low-sulphur diesel</li> <li>Specify and procure the most energy efficient plant options fit for purpose and avoid use of plant with unnecessary and excess capacity</li> </ul>
Solid Waste Generation	<ul> <li>Modification of construction activities and methods to reduce potential adverse impacts</li> <li>Segregate wastes into inert fill materials, recyclable/reusable materials and hazardous wastes for appropriate disposal</li> <li>Composite organic waste</li> <li>Provide sanitary facilities at construction camps and sites</li> <li>Adopt best practices in concrete waste management</li> <li>Isolate woody vegetation cleared and facilitate collection by neighbouring residents</li> </ul>
Occupational Health and safety	<ul> <li>Implement a health and safety management plan</li> <li>Designate a health and safety officer</li> <li>Comply with the OSHA 2007 and all other relevant regulations governing health and safety</li> <li>Restrict access to construction site</li> <li>Provide appropriate signage and warnings in work areas</li> <li>Provide First-Aid kits/boxes</li> <li>Provide adequate sanitary facilities</li> <li>Fire extinguishers should be provided and placed in areas that have potential fire threat</li> <li>Set of clear plans for workers to avoid overworking them</li> <li>Enforce and monitor road safety through traffic management at work sites and routes</li> <li>Ensure all dangerous construction sites are fenced off</li> <li>Implement a community safety management plan</li> </ul>

The full report of the proposed project is available for inspection during working hours at:

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3. County Director of Environment, KWALE COUNTY

A copy of the EIA report can be downloaded at www.nema.go.ke

NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within **thirty (30) days** from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA to assist the Authority in the decision-making process for this project. Kindly quote **ref no. NEMA/EIA/5/2/2219.** 

Comments can also be e-mailed to info@nema.go.ke

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