Environmental Requirements for Filling Stations

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PURPOSE

• To provide clarity on the need for Environmental Impact Assessments in terms of EIA Regulations of 2014 (promulgated in terms of NEMA) on filling stations.
Authorisations: NEMA S24F

- 'Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act, no person may commence an activity listed in terms of s24(2)(a) or (b) unless the competent authority has granted an environmental authorization for the activity, and no person may continue an existing activity listed in terms of s24(2)(d) if an application for an environmental authorization is refused.'
Construction of new filling stations

• Activity 14 of GNR 983:
The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 but not exceeding 500 cubic metres.
Construction of new bigger filling stations

• Activity 4 of GNR 984:
The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or storage and handling of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of more than 500 cubic metres.
Filling stations around “protected areas”

• Activity 10 of GNR 985:
The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or storage and handling of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 30 but not exceeding 80 cubic metres, in Limpopo in all areas.
Expansion of existing filling stations

• Activity 51 of GNR 983.
The expansion of facilities for the storage, or storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where the capacity of such storage facility will be expanded by 80 cubic metres or more.
Phased filling station

• Activity 67 of GNR 983.
Phased activities for all activities listed in this Schedule, which commenced on or after the effective date of this Schedule, where any one phase of the activity may be below a threshold but where a combination of the phases, including expansions or extensions, will exceed a specified threshold.

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Decommissioning filling stations

• Activity 31 of GNR 983:
The decommissioning of existing facilities or infrastructure, for -
(v) storage, or storage and handling, of dangerous goods of more than 80 cubic metres
Major Amendments

• Optional pre-consultation meeting prior application
• Previously only steps of authorities were time bound
• Both applicant and CA are time bound
• Basic assessment 197 or 247 days
• Environmental impact assessment 300 or 357 days
Conclusion

• Taking into account all the information presented, it should be noted that letters issued by the Department prior 08 December 2014 confirming that storage of less than 80 cubic metres does not require environmental authorisation are now null and void if the activity has not been commenced.

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