

Press Statement

Kasama Total filling Station fire incident

Tuesday 19th September, 2017

The Energy Regulation Board (ERB) is investigating a fire incident which occurred at Total Filling Station in Kasama last Friday 15th September, resulting in a technician sustaining burns on his body.

ERB personnel are already on the ground to establish the actual cause of the fire which was seemingly ignited at one of the dispensers following maintenance works. Preliminary investigations suggest that the dispenser caught fire shortly after the maintenance works. However, quick action by the filling station attendants not only helped to put out the fire but also stopped it from engulfing the entire filling station.

The ERB is concerned with the recent spate of fire incidents at filling stations, as this latest incident follows another at Mount Meru Filling Station in Lusaka's Emmasdale area last week. It must be emphasised that failure to adhere to safety requirements is a violation of licence conditions. Therefore, should any breaches of licence conditions in the fire incident at Kasama's Total Filling Station be observed, the ERB shall not hesitate to take enforcement action.

Consequently, our inspection efforts are being enhanced to ensure strict adherence to safety requirements. Further, all licensed entities are reminded to ensure compliance to safety requirements which are a key aspect in the handling and management of volatile energy products.

Meanwhile, the ERB would like to reassure Kasama residents that there would be no disruption in fuel supply in the area as three of the four filling stations in Kasama are operating normally.

Members of the public will be updated on ERB final findings on this matter and are further encouraged to report to the ERB Toll Free line 8484 any issues of safety concern.



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