

Press Statement

Promulgation of the new "Guidelines for Siting of Petroleum Infrastructure"

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For Immediate Release

The Energy Regulation Board (ERB) has approved the *Guidelines for Siting of Petroleum Infrastructure* which shall be implemented immediately. The decision was arrived at during the 2nd Regulatory Board Meeting held on 15th August, 2022.

Following the approval, the new guidelines shall replace the old *Guidelines for Siting of filling stations* which ceased to be used on 15th August, 2022.

In comparison to the old guidelines which were only applicable to filling stations, the new guidelines have a broader scope which extends to Refinery, Storage facilities, Pipelines and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG). Among other things, the new guidelines seek to address the notable shortcomings of the old guidelines particularly for siting of filling stations with regard to safe distances from residential homes and electricity infrastructure.

It is envisaged that the new Guidelines shall enhance the criteria for review and approval of proposed location for new petroleum infrastructure in the country.

The ERB has since commenced the process of gazetting the guidelines with a view to promulgation of the guidelines into a Statutory Instrument and consequently into applicable regulations.

Copies of the new guidelines may be obtained from the ERB offices in Lusaka, Kitwe, Livingstone or Chinsali or downloaded from our website at www.erb.org.zm.

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