

## **Press Release**

The Department of the Environment (DOE) has recently noted an increase in the number of applications for service stations throughout the country. The DOE is cognizant that this service industry has seen significant technological advances in recent years which are being applied throughout most of the world, including Belize. In light of this, the DOE has recognized the need to update its "Service Station Guidelines". The update seeks to make the provisions for the use of more environmentally friendly technologies without sacrificing the need for safety. Being aware that there are several key stakeholders in this industry that may be affected by any changes to the Service Station Guidelines, the DOE held a meeting on August 8, 2008 with the participation of the National Fire Service, Police Department, Belize Defence Force, Esso Standard Oil, Sol Belize Ltd., Petro Fuel of Belize and MISSCOL.

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