

"When People Put the Environment First, Development Lasts."

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## Temporary Closure of DOE Office: Additional Precautionary Measures for Preventing and Slowing the Transmission of COVID-19

Belmopan, Belize. February 3, 2022. In order to safeguard the staff and public during this current wave of COVID-19, the Department of the Environment (DOE), within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management will be temporarily closed this afternoon, **February 3, 2022,** from **12 noon to 4:00pm** in order to clean and sanitize its office space.

During this time, our service will continue online to ensure the safe continuation of our mandated services to the public. Kindly use the email addresses below to contact our staff or use our **Contact Us** form via our website at (https://doe.gov.bz/), or private message via Facebook.

Contact Information	Description of Applications
Project Evaluation/Environmental Impact	Applications for environmental clearance, BTB
Assessment: eiaunit@environment.gov.bz	clearance, submission of project proposals
Environmental Compliance Monitoring and	Reporting of Environmental Emergencies (spills,
Enforcement: enforcement@environment.gov.bz	marine vessel groundings, etc.), Project specific
	environmental reporting requirements, effluent
	license applications
Public Awareness and Outreach:	Applications for marine litter projects and
outreach@environment.gov.bz	community outreach initiatives, requests for
	general information about the DOE
Library: library@environment.gov.bz	OPAL applications (import/export of restricted
	single-use plastics, scrap metal, lead-acid batteries,
	waste oil, and used tires) and Asycuda clearances
	for these commodities
Ozone Programme: ozone@environment.gov.bz	OPAL applications (import of refrigerant,
	refrigerant-based equipment) and Asycuda
	clearances for these commodities
Environmental Complaints:	For reports of environmental violations, include
complaints@environment.gov.bz	details about the violation, how it has affected you,
	location, etc.

For all other matters, feel free to contact the Department of the Environment at <a href="mailto:environment.gov.bz">environment.gov.bz</a> and/or the Deputy Chief Environmental Officer at <a href="mailto:deputy@environment.gov.bz">deputy@environment.gov.bz</a>.

Normal office hours will resume on Friday, February 4, 2022, at 8:00 am. The DOE thanks the public for its understanding and cooperation at this time and continues to encourage everyone to put precautionary measures in place to protect the health and safety of all. The public can visit our website or follow our Facebook Page for additional information.

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