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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **EMA AND MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND ENERGY INDUSTRIES INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE OIL SPILL**

The Environmental Management Authority (EMA) and the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries (MEEI) were alerted to a possible oil spill in the Gulf of Paria in the vicinity of the San Fernando wharf. The report of the possible spill was accompanied by photos from a resident of the area.

The EMA conducted a site visit last evening, however the substance shown in the photos was not present. Today, the Authority and the MEEI conducted extensive onshore surveillance of the area, however there were no sightings of an oily substance, therefore the source of the spill could not be identified.

In light of recent activities in the Gulf of Paria, the EMA has alerted public health officials out of an abundance of caution as it continues its investigations into this report.

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