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**Report of Field Verification visit to
Conex proposed Petroleum Refinery**



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Order of Presentation



Objectives of the Visit

Opening Meeting

Tour of the Facilities

Findings

Recommendations

Objectives of the Visit



- ❖ **To verify the ESMP submitted by NRDC on behalf of Conex**
- ❖ **To seek clarity on a number of points highlighted by committee members**

Opening Meeting



**The team met with
Mr. Debaris Bhattacharge
(Terminal Manager-Conex) and
Mr. Gessler Murray Jr.
(Environmental Officer)**

Field Tour



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Findings



- 1. In case of oil spillage there is a drain that takes the spilled oil to an underground oil separator. The oil is then scooped using a skimmer**
- 2. The company has about ten fire fighting tanks (each about 1000L foam capacity) armed with a sprinkler system for heat suppression during fire emergencies**
- 3. Waste beams were seen onsite**
- 4. Storage platform is well paved**

Recommendations



- 1. Considering the company compliance status as verified by the team, it is recommended that Conex be granted Permit to construct the Refinery**
- 2. The proposed refinery will represent the first of its kind since the Liberian Civil war; the EPA should therefore pay keen attention to Conex operations so as to grasp details for decisions on similar projects in the future**

