



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**DATE: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

National Environment Management Authority hereby informs the general public that effective 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 we shall in addition to existing criminal prosecution measures, commence an Administrative Penalty Scheme for environment breaches in line with Section 174 of the National Environment Act, No.5 of 2019.

The express penalty scheme is intended to deter non-compliance to Environment laws to prevent environmental degradation through payment of monetary penalties (fines).

Breaches such as commencing activities before obtaining a certificate, missing to conduct an annual environment audit, open burning of waste, irresponsible waste disposal, dumping and backfilling wetlands, lakeshores and river banks, driving a car without dustbin, breaching any condition of NEMA certificate, among others will attract an express penalty and or prosecution.

The full schedule of breaches and corresponding maximum fees and bank account(s) to which payments will be made are available on the NEMA website [www.nema.go.ug](http://www.nema.go.ug)

NEMA retains the right to suspend operations of a facility, withdraw the Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Certificate, Permit, License and other relevant documentation or commence prosecution until the fine is paid.

We call upon the general public to strictly observe Environment best practices to avoid being penalized.

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