

SAVE GUANA CAY REEF ASSOCIATION
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Discovery Land Company pollutes Guana Cay
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Despite Discovery Developers proclaiming itself an environmentally sensitive development company, it has already shown its true colours by pouring waste oil and diesel straight into the ground.

In breach of the Environmental Health Services Act and all of the Blue Flag Award Protocols, Discovery Developers have already begun to abuse the environment.

They have taken large diesel fuel tanks out of their holding facilities, turned them onto their sides and dumped diesel and oil straight into the ground. They are contaminating the water table.

Further, despite promising not to do any work without Local Government permits, Discovery Developers are disrespecting the law and proceeding to clear roads, destroy trees and have begun their development without permits. They have brought machinery onto the Island and are chopping trees down, chipping the trees, pushing roads through the land and despoiling the environment. Members of the Save Guana Cay Reef Association have personally inspected what is going on and, despite protests, Discovery Developers have refused to stop.

At the presentation earlier this month before the Town Council, Discovery promised not to proceed without local permits.

Discovery Developers have thus shown at this very early stage more of the disrespect, disdain and disregard, for Bahamians, the law and the environment which characterized their initial approach to this project. Now they are not keeping their promise only to proceed upon the grant of licenses They are showing contempt for the entire process.

I attach photos showing the oil tanks taken out of their holding facilities and one turned onto its side where the oil has simply been dumped into the ground.

Save Guana Cay calls upon the Minister of Health and the BEST Commission to immediately investigate and prosecute Discovery Developers for their illegal activities and they also call upon the Government Departments and local Town Council to refuse to give any licences to Discovery Developers who have shown their true disrespectful colours.
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