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POLLUTION INCIDENT, CENTRAL SORTING OFFICE

Minister of Water, Land, Environment & Climate Change, Hon. Robert Pickersgill has announced that the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) has determined that the chemical pollutant in the atmosphere which was reported by the Central Sorting Office on Thursday, February 28, 2013 was due to the presence of **methylene chloride**.

The Minister said this was identified through air quality sampling conducted by NEPA and the Ministry of Health and analysed by Airzone One Limited in Canada.

Methylene Chloride or Dichloromethane is an organic compound used mostly as solvent. In its natural form, it is a colourless liquid with an ethereal odour.

“NEPA is continuing the investigation to determine the source of the pollutant”, Minister Pickersgill said. He pointed out that Peter Knight, Chief Executive Officer of NEPA and his team are available to discuss the investigation to include the findings.

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