

Trinidad & Tobago: NP to test petrol quality at service stations after complaints

Consumers argue that the fuel is being consumed much faster than before.

The Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company (NP) issued a notice last week to inform that it will be carrying out quality checks at its service stations after consumers have questioned the quality of fuel delivered at their filling tanks.

NP argued that it will carry out the fuel calibration testing and verification in accordance with the Metrology Act and the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards (TTBS).

The company, however, stated that all fuel offered at NP service stations meets 'TTS 269:2007 -Unleaded Gasoline for Motor Vehicles Specification', the compulsory standard for fuel quality regulated by the TTBS.

The comments came after Petrotrin, the main supplier of all fuel delivered by NP, started to import fuel products for use locally from October 27. Petrotrin chairman, Wilfred Espinet, defended before media that the fuel being imported meets local quality standards anyway.

Communications Minister, Stuart Young, also said in a post-Cabinet media briefing that the rumours concerning the low quality of fuel at NP service stations pumps are not true since the fuel currently offered is the refined product from Petrotrin, not the imported one.