

Study Questions

1. Which factors should hold the greatest weight in determining whether or not the permit for the dam construction should proceed? Why?
2. Has Environmental Resources Management conducted a fair and thorough assessment of the potential environmental and social impact on Bui National Park? Why or why not?
3. Have the environmental groups in opposition of the dam been given a fair platform to voice their concerns? Why or why not? What are some of the ways that the various stakeholders involved could work together to alleviate the concerns of the environmental groups in opposition of the park?
4. Could the Ghanaian Ministry of Finance have achieved more favorable financing terms from China Exim Bank? If so, what other terms could they benefit from? If not, why does this appear to be the best deal?
5. Consider the dam permitting process and all the stakeholders involved. Is it equally fair for all parties involved or do some parties benefit more than others? Is there another way the process could be structured that would achieve different results?
6. Should Sampong issue the permit on behalf of the EPA?