



8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT AND MONITORING EXERCISE**

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) hereby **notifies all regulated undertakings** (Businesses/Enterprises) operating in Ghana that it is an offence under Environmental Protection Act, 2025 (Act 1124) and the Environmental Protection (Environmental Assessment) Regulations, 2025 (L.I. 2504) to operate an undertaking:

1. Without a valid Environmental Permit or Licence;
2. With an Expired Environmental Permit or Licence; or
3. In breach of the Conditions contained in the Schedule to an Environmental Permit or Licence.

Failure to comply with this directive shall lead to imposition of the necessary sanctions under the laws. In this regard, the EPA will **intensify its routine environmental enforcement, monitoring, and inspection activities nationwide** to ensure full compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulatory requirements.

All regulated entities are **directed to take immediate steps** to regularise their environmental compliance by visiting the **nearest EPA office** to commence or complete the permitting and compliance process.

**Failure to comply** with this notice shall attract the **appropriate sanctions**, including administrative penalties, fines, closure, or prosecution, as prescribed under the applicable environmental laws.

All statutory fees or fines imposed pursuant to this exercise **must be paid directly into designated EPA Bank Accounts or EPA Mobile Money Wallets. The EPA does not accept cash payments under any circumstances.**

#### **Undertakings (Activities) covered under the special compliance exercise include:**

1. **Manufacturing** (*Wood Processing, Oxygen Gas, Food Processing, Fruits and Beverages/Sachet/Bottled Water, Roofing Sheets, Soap, Herbal Products, Block/Concrete production, Bitumen Emulsion, Pharmaceuticals, Spring and Bolts, Shoe Production, Aluminum products, etc.*)
2. **Energy** (*Fuel & Gas Service Stations, Fuel Depots/Dumps, Solar Power Production of more than 2 Megawatts*)
3. **Tourism and Hospitality** (*Hotels, Hostels, Guest Houses, Lodges, Restaurants, Bars/Spots/Pubs, Recreational Centres, Event Centers, Resorts*)
4. **General Construction** (*Roads, Water/Waste Treatment Plants, Warehouses, Stores, Shops, Offices, Shopping Malls, All Banks & Financial Institutions, Auto Garage/Showroom, Apartments, Waste oil & Scrap Metal facilities, Spraying Shops, Schools, Churches, Mosque, Washing Bay, Spare Part Dealer, Cold Stores, Truck Yard, etc.*)
5. **Health** (*Hospital, Clinic, Laboratory, Diagnostic Center, Dental Clinic, Mortuary, Ultrasound and Scan centres, Fitness & Social Centre, Herbal Clinic, Optical Centre, Maternity Centre etc.*)
6. **Agriculture** ( $\geq 40$  hectares) -*Poultry, Piggery, Aquaculture, Wildlife and Forestry activities*)
7. **Chemical & Pesticides Activities** (*Importation, Manufacturing, Formulation, Wholesale, Distribution, Warehousing, Retailing, and Application*)
8. **Communication Masts** (*Mast by the Telecoms including Televisions and FM Station Masts*)

9. **Mining** (*Large-scale mining, small-scale mining, Quarry and Sand Winning*)

**For further information or clarification, regulated entities are advised to contact the nearest EPA office.**

**SIGNED BY:  
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