



Safety & Environment Moment (S&E Moment)

Script 04 – Environmental Protection Agency

Good morning and welcome to the S&E Moment.

We are continuing our discussion on key stakeholders or institutions under the Institutional Framework on Safety and Environment in Ghana. Today, we are discussing the government institution responsible for environmental protection or management in Ghana.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which is under the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation is responsible for regulating and coordinating activities on the environment in Ghana. EPA has regional and district offices across the country.

One of the ways EPA regulates activities on the environment is to ensure that all undertakings or projects are submitted to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or as it is commonly referred to as Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) to identify potential negative impacts including instituting appropriate mitigation measures to minimize if not to completely eliminate the identified impacts. In the end, where an undertaking or project satisfies the EIA requirements then an Environmental Permit is issued to the proponent by EPA to allow the undertaking to proceed.

Please know that it is an offence under the environment laws and regulations to commence work on any undertaking that has the potential to cause pollution to the environment without consulting EPA. We shall discuss these laws in detail in subsequent episodes.

Do not forget to adhere to the COVID-19 protocols to stay safe. Visit the Ghana Health Service COVID-19 website for further information.

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Have a great day, bye.