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MINISTER INITIATES LEGAL OVERHAUL, SEEKS REVOCATION OF L.I. 2462 TO <u>CURB ILLEGAL MINING</u>

The Acting Minister for Environment, Science, and Technology, Hon. Emmanuel Armah-Kofi Buah (MP), has formally written to the Office of the Attorney General for the immediate revocation of Legislative Instrument (L.I.) 2462 and its amended version, L.I. 2501.

This decisive legal action is designed to unify and strengthen the regulatory framework, creating a cohesive front for all stakeholders in the national fight against illegal mining, known as 'galamsey.' The move aims to end the severe environmental devastation that has polluted Ghana's water bodies and degraded its forest reserves.

In the letter, the Minister expressed confidence that the existing regulatory regime, under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), provides robust and sufficient guidelines to oversee all mining activities. This consolidated framework will ensure strict compliance with environmental and social standards, guaranteeing responsible mining practices across the sector.

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