

WRC Board, Management calls on New Minister

A delegation of Water Resources Commission Board and Management members of the Commission recently called on the Hon. Dr. Freda Akosua Oheneafrewo Prempeh, Minister for Sanitation and Water Resources at the Ministry in Accra.

The Minister who welcomed the delegates, underscored the critical role the Water Resources Commission plays in the regulation and management of water resources in the country, especially at a time the 'galamsey' issues and other activities were polluting our water bodies.

Noting that efforts to tackle illegal mining and safeguarding our Water Resources was dear to the President, she stressed the need for the Commission to up its game to enhance its work and to regulate unlicensed drillers as well as check other household water suppliers in the country.

Hon. Prempeh who called on the Commission to enhance its visibility and public awareness creation, by way of telling its story about what the regulations and activities, stressed the need for the Commission to collaborate with the ministry to project water issues.

Likewise, Mr. Mintah Afosa Aboagye, Chairman of the Directors stated importance of water in the national discourse and the need to attach a sense of urgency to water issues at every level of our society.

He noted that the WRC Board would soon share the Commission's new strategic plan on how it intends to tackle issues with the Minister.

Dr. Bob Alfa, Director Planning who gave an overview of the Commission, stated that the Commission operated a decentralised Basin system with seven (7) River Basin system what enables the Commission to manage the water resources.

However, he noted that limited logistics, especially vehicles to undertake field visits and water management activities as well as inadequate office spaces, especially at the head office and limited professional staff, including financial constraints were impeding the full functioning of the Commission.

To this the Minister assured the Board and Management, she would be working with the WRC to find solutions to some of the bottlenecks, stressing the need for them to do more.

**The Minister with WRC Board and Staff*