



# EcoFlash

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## Board moves to safeguard environment

**N**EMA Board of Management undertook a tour of Nakuru and Narok Counties to appraise itself with environmental challenges within these Counties from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The tour came in the wake of recent public outcry and media reports on the industrial activities that were impacting negatively on the environment.



NEMA Board and Staff at Kericho NEMA office  
[PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

The Board visited the Itare dam to check on progress on the ground with keen interest on Resettlement Action Plan and EIA license conditions where they directed the project managers to adhere to environmental conditions.

Early this year there was a pollution incident at KilimaPesa gold mining facility where 20 cows died as a result of drinking contaminated waste water from the facility. The Board had an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of enforcement action taken by NEMA to prevent further pollution. The Board is not satisfied that the facility has put in place adequate pollution

prevention measures to protect the environment.



The tour of Itare Dam in Kuresoi, Nakuru County  
[PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

As a result, the Authority is working on stringent measures to ensure the company fully complies with the environmental requirements. This will apply to all gold mining facilities in the country because they use very toxic chemicals. The board has also directed that such high-risk facilities should have permanent environmental health and safety experts at all times as a requirement for licensing.

The board also visited Trans Mara Sugar Company. The factory had received negative environmental publicity as a result of a pollution incident that occurred on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018. The Authority quickly responded to the incident and the Company was directed to put in place pollution prevention measures.



**NEMA Board during a tour of KilimaPesa gold mine in TransMara [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]**

The board saw the measures the company had put in place to prevent effluent discharge into the river and was satisfied with the progress.



**Board members, staff with TransMara West, Deputy County Commissioner, Mohammed Hassan (4<sup>th</sup> L) during the visit [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]**

Speaking to the media during the tour, NEMA Chairman, Mr. John Konchellah stated, “The companies affected should adopt cleaner production principles that aim at improvement of production process and monitoring of the products.”

### **Staff educated on healthy living**

**N**EMA staff underwent a member training with the current medical service provider-Jubilee Insurance on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at NEMA Boardroom.

The medical service providers took the staff through a health talk on HIV/AIDS and

substance abuse as well as information on the service provision.



**The training in progress at NEMA Boardroom [PHOTO: S. GITAU/NEMA]**

The training aimed at enabling the staff to learn more about how the scheme operates. Staff from the headquarters, Nairobi County and neighbouring Counties of Kiambu, Machakos and Kajiado were taken through the process.

## **NEMA STAFF Transition**

**E**coflash has introduced this Section to highlight transition of staff in the Authority. The Section will be highlighting staff who have either joined or left the Authority. This week's edition highlights the following staff who have recently left the Authority;

-  **Martin Maira, Records Management Assistant –Retired**
-  **Cecilia Githaiga, Senior Legal Officer- Resigned**
-  **Beatrice Wamuyu-Internal Auditor-Resigned**

The Authority wishes them all the best in their future endeavors.

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