



Group picture of participants at the LEEP, GSA workshop

GSA, LEEP, Hold Workshop to Strengthen Enforcement on Ghana's Lead Paint Standard

The Lead Exposure Elimination Project (LEEP) – a UK-based non-profit organisation that works to eliminate childhood lead poisoning by phasing out lead in paint – in conjunction with the GSA, has held a two-day workshop on lead paint monitoring and enforcement.

The workshop, which took place from Wednesday, October 29 to Thursday, October 30, 2025, at the GSA head office in Accra, was aimed at strengthening

capacity and coordination on lead paint monitoring and enforcement in Ghana.

It attracted staff from the GSA and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and included presentations from LEEP and the GSA on the health and environmental harms of lead, factory inspection and open market sampling, lead paint analysis, and group discussions on manufacturer engagement and enforcement.

Yujin Han, a Programme Manager at LEEP, and Dr. Scott Matafwali, a LEEP Programmes Manager for Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda, served as resource persons for the training, while Dr. Paul Osei Fosu, Head of the Food and Agriculture Department at the GSA, coordinated the sessions.

Mr. Francis Kojo Eshun, the Director of Testing, welcomed participants to the workshop and encouraged everyone to participate fully to ensure that

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they are well resourced to carry out future assignments.

“I thank you for availing yourself for the workshop. I have confidence in you, and I know you will do a good job,” he noted.

Yujin, in a brief remark, said that her outfit’s work is only possible through partnerships with agencies like the GSA, which ensures that products, goods and services in Ghana, are not only reliable and of high quality, but most importantly, safe.

She said lead paint remains a significant threat to the health and potential of Ghanaians, particularly children.

“By strengthening compliance monitoring and enforcement, we can ensure that Ghana’s lead paint standard translates into real-world protection – that all paints sold in Ghana are lead-free,” she said.

On day two of the workshop, participants had the opportunity to tour the facilities of BBC Industries, a leading paint producing company in Tema, to conduct a regular audit, and later visited paint retailers in Tema to put into practice the open market sampling techniques for lead paint discussed at the training.

The workshop provided an important room for the enhancement of collaboration among departments and agencies responsible for product safety and regulatory compliance.

Certificates were presented to participants after the



Dr. Paul Osei Fosu, Head of Food and Agriculture Department, GSA



Yujin Han, Programme Manager, LEEP



Dr. Scott Kaba Matafwali, Programme Manager, LEEP

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programme. The workshop was also graced by Dr. Jessica Nkansah, the Director of Inspectorate.



Mr. Kojo Eshun, Director, Testing



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