



SPEED POST

AQM/ Direction/2020-21/

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As per list (construction agencies)

Sub.: Directions under Section 5 of The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding feedback on air pollution activities through field visits by CPCB teams during September 15th – 21st 2020 and for strict compliance to regulations on mitigation of dust emanating from construction & demolition (C & D) activities in Delhi NCR- reg.

WHEREAS, Section 16 (2) (b), (f) and (j) of The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 mandates the Central Pollution Control Board to execute nation- wide program for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution and organize a comprehensive program and perform such other functions as may be prescribed;

WHEREAS, air pollution in Delhi NCR during critical winter months is a matter of serious concern, especially with regard to high levels of particulate matter exceeding National Ambient Air Quality Standards, 2009;

WHEREAS, CPCB has developed guidelines for dust mitigation emanating from handling of construction material and C&D waste. Further, CPCB has developed guidelines for sound environmental management of C&D waste in compliance to The Construction & Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016;

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated 24.09.2019 issued advisory to use dust suppressants and directions were also issued from time to time to construction agencies to ensure strict compliance to regulatory provisions and deploy adequate dust arrest measures;

WHEREAS, in pursuant to Hon'ble Supreme Court orders in the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 13029/1985 in the matter of M.C. Mehta Vs. Union of India, CPCB rigorously monitoring the compliance of corrective action for air pollution control and management;

WHEREAS, in pursuant of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 13.11.2019 in the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 13029/1985 in the matter of M.C. Mehta Vs. Union of India, CPCB is in a process to develop guideline to use anti-smog gun in Delhi NCR region at large construction sites and dust prone areas;

WHEREAS, in pursuant to Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated October 29, 2018 in the matter of W.P (s) (Civil) No. 13029/1985 M. C. Mehta vs. Union of India, CPCB has created account on social media interface (Twitter and Facebook) for citizens to lodge complaints and to further forward these complaints to concerned agencies for redressal. Analysis of public complaints on social media platform indicated higher percentage of Open dumping/burning of garbage and C & D waste related complaints by the public;

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated August 28, 2020, requested agencies to ensure immediate effective actions and timely resolution of complaints on the SAMEER App and Social Media platforms;

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated September 03, 2020, to all agencies initiate special drive to remove the waste (garbage and C& D) lying openly;

WHEREAS, winter season being critical with regard to air pollution, CPCB teams were deputed from September 15th-21st 2020 in identified high pollution zones for assessment of ground implementation;

WHEREAS, CPCB teams have observed inadequate action on various locations in terms of management of construction and demolition waste, solid and industrial waste, road dust and unpaved road and other prominent air polluting activities. However, C&D activities and open dumping of waste/garbage continue are major concern in most of the areas of Delhi, NCR towns and identified Hotspots;

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated October 07th 2020, requested states to ensure strict vigilance and step up intensive efforts towards air pollution control action in respective areas;


WHEREAS, fifty dedicated CPCB teams have been deployed for field feedback from 15th October- 28th February. Feedback from these teams will be forwarded to responsible agencies on real time for quick redressal of complaints.

WHEREAS, teams' feedback and redressal status will also be uploaded on media corner for mass awareness and rigorous follow up;

Now therefore, in exercise of powers vested under Section 5 of The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and in view of anticipated deterioration in Delhi NCR air quality, it is directed to ensure following,

1. Strict compliance to regulatory orders prohibiting open storage of construction material & C & D wastes. It is to be ensured that material & waste is properly contained, covered and stored within the premises.
2. Ensure proper implementation of guidelines on dust mitigation measures and sound environmental management of C&D wastes, including deployment of dust suppressant and anti-smog gun, where feasible.
3. Ensure complete redressal of social media complaints by October, 2020.
4. Non-compliance to above directions shall be dealt strictly as per regulatory provisions including prosecution and levying hefty penalty.

The receipt of this direction shall be acknowledged immediately and submit action taken report by 20th October, 2020.



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