

## **Minutes of Fiftieth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on October 24, 2019 at CPCB, Delhi**

Fiftieth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), was convened on October 24, 2019. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, CPCB. List of participants is annexed.

Task force meeting was specifically called for to review likely air quality situation during next few days due to festival, meteorology, stubble burning, etc. as experienced in the past years. Dr. V. K. Soni, IMD informed that wind speed and directions will be fluctuating with calm winds in the morning and slightly higher in the afternoon. Mostly easterly winds are expected to turn North Westerly from 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. On 28<sup>th</sup> October, fog is also expected.

Member Secretary, CPCB emphasized that next few days will be challenging and in addition to intense actions by implementing agencies, additional preventive measures may be required to check the deteriorating air quality. Following recommendations are made:

1. All implementing agencies in Delhi-NCR to be on high alert and strictly enforce law for controlling polluting activities including actions for checking stubble burning in the States of Punjab & Haryana
2. Traffic police in Delhi and adjacent NCR towns to deploy additional manpower to ensure smooth traffic in all areas especially the identified high traffic corridors in Delhi. Visibly polluting vehicles to be impounded.
3. Hon'ble Supreme Court directions regarding fire crackers to be strictly enforced by concerned agencies.
4. Hot mix plants, stone crushers and construction activities such as earthwork, which have potential to generate dust to be banned between 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM during 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 in Delhi and satellite towns namely Gurugram, Faridabad, Noida, Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Sonapat and Bahadurgarh.
5. Coal based industries (exemption to power-plants) during 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 to be closed in Faridabad, Gurugram, Ghaziabad, Noida, Greater Noida, Sonapat and Bahadurgarh. In Delhi industries, which have not yet shifted to PNG to remain closed during 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.
6. Zero tolerance to operation of illegal industries and also use of unauthorized fuel which may be ensured by district administrations of Delhi-NCR.

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

**List of Participants:**

1. Sh. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
2. Sh V. K. Shukla, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board
3. Sh. N.K. Gupta, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board
4. Sh. Sharandeep Singh, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board
5. Dr. Anil Kumar Singh, RO Noida, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
6. Sh. Utsav Sharma, RO Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
7. Sh. R.K. Ojha, Env. Engineer, Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority
8. Sh. R.K. Sharma, PE, Noida Authority
9. Sh. Joshi, ASO (Greater Noida), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
10. Dr. M.P. George, Scientist, Delhi Pollution Control Committee
11. Sh. Sohan Lal, Junior scientific officer, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, RO, Bhiwadi
12. Dr. V. K. Soni, Scientist 'E', India Meteorological Department (video conferencing)
13. Dr. T. K. Joshi, Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
14. Sh. Vijay Chaudhary, HSPCB (video conferencing)