

**Minutes of Fifty Second meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on  
November 01, 2019 at CPCB, Delhi**

Air pollution levels have reached to severe+ conditions. Therefore, an urgent meeting of Task Force was convened on November 1, 2019 at CPCB. Meeting was chaired by Member Secretary, CPCB. The list of participants is annexed (Annexure - I).

IMD was requested for inputs on meteorology and likely situation for the next few days. It was informed that there were no winds and stubble burning contribution has gone up to 45% resulting in the current high particulate matter concentration. The situation is likely to improve tomorrow. Thereafter, with higher winds on November 3, 2019, AQI may come down to Very Poor category.

In view of the above, Task Force recommends continuity of the actions, which are in force, with greater intensity. In addition, following are recommended:

1. Banning of coal-based industries (exemption to power plants) in NCR namely Faridabad, Gurugram, Ghaziabad, Noida, Greater Noida, Sonapat, and Bahadurgarh and non-PNG industries in Delhi to be extended till November 5, 2019.
2. Construction activities, hot mix plants, and stone crushers instead of 6:00 pm to 10:00 am shall now remain closed all the time till November 5, 2019. Agencies responsible must ensure that dust control measures at construction sites are taken.
3. Brick Kilns may also remain closed till November 5, 2019.
4. People are advised to minimize their exposure and limit outdoor activities during the period. Schools are also advised to avoid outdoor activities of the children.

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

**List of Participants:**

1. Sh. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
2. Sh. N.K. Gupta, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board
3. Sh. Sharandeep Singh, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board
4. Dr. M.P. George, Scientist, Delhi Pollution Control Committee (video conferencing)
5. Dr. V. K. Soni, Scientist 'E', India Meteorological Department (video conferencing)
6. Sh. Vijay Chaudhary, HSPCB (video conferencing)
7. Dr. Anil Kumar Singh, RO Noida, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
8. Smt. Sapna Srivastava, ASO, UPPCB (Ghaziabad)