

ADDENDUM

GUIDELINES FOR SETTING UP OF NEW PETROL PUMPS

The Hon'ble NGT vide orders dated 23.07.2020 and 09.10.2020, in the matter of Suresh Mandaloi Vs. State of M. P (O.A. No. 61 of 2019 (CZ)), directed MoEF&CC and CPCB to submit a report with regard to the minimum distance from water bodies to the petrol pump.

The matter was subsequently referred to the Expert Committee constituted by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) earlier in the matter of guidelines for setting up of new petrol pumps. The Expert Committee discussed the available literature and national/international regulations related to the matter.

Based on the literature review and experts' inputs, the following guidelines for siting of new petrol pumps with respect to water bodies were finalised:

- All the surface water bodies irrespective of utility shall be protected from any possible contamination. These include lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetland, sea and any other. Retail Outlets shall not be located within a distance of 50 meters from the nearest point of water bodies. In case of streams and rivers, the distance shall be considered from flood plain.
- As a preventive measure, retail outlets coming within 50 meter to 100 meter from the nearest point of surface water body shall have secondary containment by way of double walled tanks or concrete protection walls, so as to minimize groundwater and soil contamination.
- Ground water quality monitoring of retail outlets within 100 meter from the nearest point of surface water bodies shall be conducted by OMCs once in every quarter through E(P) Act, 1986 approved labs irrespective of sales. This shall be applicable to all petrol pumps, regardless of the date of establishment.

These guidelines are supplementary to all existing relevant Rules, Guidelines, Orders, notification such as Wetland rule and Coastal Regulation Zone notification, etc. The above measures are in addition to the measures applicable for new petrol pumps referred in CPCB O.M. dated 07.01.2020.