

Comprehensive Industry Document on Fertilizer Industry

Foreword

Increasing fertilizer use has played a vital role in achieving self-sufficiency in food grains production and this will continue to be so in the future as well.

The manufacture of fertilizer, however, is associated with the pollution of the environment. Increased fertilizer production means more and more pollutant generation and release to the environment.

In order to control pollution effectively in the fertilizer industry and also to facilitate the development of Minimal National Standards (MINAS), it is necessary to ascertain the present status of pollution and the control measures practised by the industry. With this end in view, extensive studies have been conducted in various categories of fertilizer industry, e.g., nitrogenous, phosphatic and complex fertilizer.

This report provides detailed information on the manufacturing process, generation of pollutants, toxic effect of pollutants, control measures - in-plant and end-of-the-process, present status of pollution and control measures and also the recommendations for implementation.

Fertilizer units need to install efficient pollution control devices and properly operate and maintain these installations to achieve the intended objective of pollution control besides recycling of effluents, resource recovery and capital cost recovery.

We hope that the document will be useful to the industry, regulatory agencies, consultants, research organisations and to all interested in pollution control.



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