

Environmental Audit - NOCIL - Agrochemicals

Foreword

The Policy Statement for Abatement of Pollution (1992) announced by the Government of India seeks integration of environmental considerations into decision making at all levels. Environmental Audit has been recognised as one of the instruments for achieving this objective. According to the Policy Statement, "industrial concerns and local bodies should feel that they have a responsibility for abatement of pollution. The procedure of an environmental statement will be introduced in local bodies, statutory authorities and public limited companies to evaluate the effect of their policies, operations and activities on the environment, particularly compliance with standards and the generation and recycling of waste. An annual statement will help in identifying and focussing attention on areas of concern, practices that need to be changed and plans to deal with adverse effects. This will be extended to an environmental audit. The measures will provide better information to the public.



A notification under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 has been issued on March 13, 1992 and subsequently-amended on April 22, 1993 requiring all industries to submit an environmental statement for the financial year ending on the 31st March in a specified format to the concerned State Pollution Control Boards on or before September 30 every year beginning 1993. The submission of environmental statement is applicable to all those who require consent for discharge under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and those requiring authorisation under Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989.

A team of scientists and engineers of the Central Board and the industry conducted environmental audit at M/s National Organic Chemical Industries Limited (NOCIL) - Agrochemicals Plant during September 1992. Although the observations are specific to the industry, these will be of use to all concerned with the methodologies of environmental audit,

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