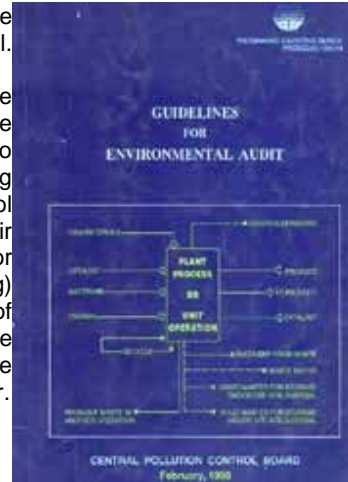


Guidelines for Environmental Audit

Foreword

Environmental Audit is an exercise of self-assessment to minimise the generation of wastes and pollution potential.

A gazette notification on environmental audit has been issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests on March 13, 1992 (amended vide notification GSR 386 (E) dated April 22, 1993). This notification applies to every person carrying on an industry, operation or process requiring consent to operate under Section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 (6 of 1974) or under section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 (14 of 1981), or both, or authorisation under the Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989, issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986). The notification requires that an Environmental Statement for the financial year ending the 31st March be submitted to the concerned State Pollution Control Board, on or before the 30th September of the same year.



To assist the industry in carrying out environmental audit, the Central Pollution Control Board has conducted some case studies. This publication deals with the pesticide industry.

I hope, the guidelines and the case studies will be useful to all concerned with the methodologies for environmental audit.

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