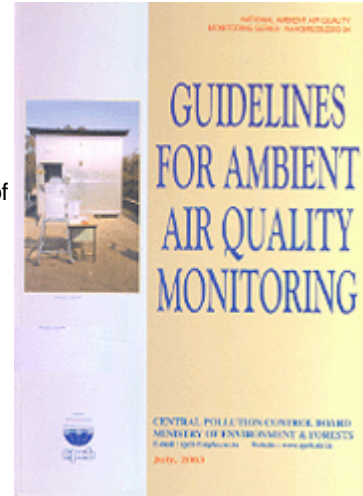


## Guidelines for Ambient Air Quality Monitoring

### Foreword

Under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) initiated National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring programme in the year 1984 and the network of monitoring stations has been extended throughout the country. This report outlines the guidelines for carrying out ambient air quality monitoring including selection of monitoring stations, number and distribution of monitoring stations, selection of pollutants, measurement methods, sampling duration and frequency etc. The guidelines have been prepared on the basis of experience gained over the years in ambient air quality monitoring.

The report also describes quality assurance and quality control requirements in ambient air quality monitoring. The Ring Test facility developed in CPCB is explained in the report.



We hope, the guidelines will be useful to all concerned with air quality monitoring and management.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dilip Biswas".

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