

Identification of Hazardous Wastes Streams, their Characterisation and Waste Minimisation Options in Petrochemicals Sector

Foreword

The Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF), Govt. of India has promulgated Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and subsequently amended the Rules in January, 2000. According to these rules, the wastes are classified based on (i) 44 processes with waste streams (Schedule-I); (ii) Waste substances with concentration limit (Schedule-II) and, (iii) Characteristics of waste (Schedule-III).

In order to provide technical assistance and information needed for identification of hazardous waste streams, its characterisation and waste management practices by industry, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has taken up a project on "Identification of Hazardous Waste Streams, their Characterisation and Waste Minimisation Options in Pesticides Sector" in collaboration with the National Chemical Laboratory

(NCL), Pune. This report entails information on various hazardous waste streams generated in Pesticides sector, their quantification in terms of per tonne of product and characterisation of waste generated from various streams. The report also provides the hazardous waste management practices along with recycling, recovery and waste minimisation options required for reduction of hazardous wastes.

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We hope, this report on "Petrochemicals Sector" will be useful for industry, regulatory bodies and others who are involved in hazardous waste management activities.



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