

CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
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OFFICE ORDER

POLICY FOR LEVYING ENVIRONMENTAL COMPENSATION (EC) FOR INDUSTRIES

In compliance of Hon'ble NGT order in the matter of OA No. 593/2017 (WP (CIVIL) No. 375/2012, *Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti & Anr. Vs. Union of India & Ors.*) a Committee was constituted by CPCB for developing a formula for imposing penalty and environmental compensation on industrial units.

As per the Committee recommendations, following cases are considered for levying environmental compensation,:

- a) Discharges in violation of consent conditions, mainly prescribed standards/ consent limits.
- b) Not complying with the directions issued, such as direction for closure due to non-installation of OCEMS, non-adherence to the action plans submitted etc.
- c) Intentional avoidance of data submission or data manipulation by tampering the Online Continuous Emission/ Effluent Monitoring systems.
- d) Accidental discharge lasting for short durations resulting into damage to the environment.
- e) Intentional discharges to the environment – land, water and air resulting into acute injury or damage to the environment.
- f) Injection of treated/ partially treated/ untreated effluents in to ground water.

In the instances as mentioned at a, b and c above, Pollution Index shall be used as a basis to levy the Environmental Compensations. CPCB has published guidelines for categorization of industries into Red, Orange, Green and White bases on concept of Pollution Index (PI). The Pollution Index is arrived after considering quantity & quality of emissions/ effluents generated, types of hazardous wastes generated and consumption of resources. Pollution Index of an industrial sector is a numerical number in the range of 0 to 100 and can be represented as follows:

PI = f (Water Pollution Score, Air Pollution Score & HW Generation Score)
Pollution Index is a number from 0 to 100 and increasing value of PI denotes the increasing degree of pollution hazard from the industrial sector.

After considering various factors including the policy implementation issues, Committee has derived following formula for levying the Environmental Compensation in instances as mentioned at a, b and c including non-compliance of the environmental standards / violation of directions.

$$EC = PI \times N \times R \times S \times LF$$

Where,

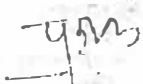
PI (pollution Index), N (number of days of violation), R (Rupees factor),
S (Scale of operation), LF (location factor).

✓ In case of d, e and f, the Environmental Compensation may be levied based on the detailed investigations by Expert Institutions/Organizations.

Conditions/ policy / operational protocol for levying EC shall be as below:

1. Prior to imposition of EC, a Show Cause Notice (SCN) for imposing EC alongwith an opportunity to reply/ hearing be given.
2. Method adopted for calculation of EC may be shared with the concerned industry/ agency if asked during hearing or through reply.
3. Unless there is substantial evidence, date of non-complying days would start w.e.f. date of non-compliance observed during inspection.
4. In Sugar industry, number of days of violation is calculated based on actual number of days operated during crushing season(s) based on Excise Form RT-8C submitted by the unit.
5. IC for non-compliance to CPCB's closure direction regarding installation & connectivity of OCEMS shall apply till establishment of initial uninterrupted data connectivity for all the specified parameters in all the permitted outlets /stacks, as verified by the IT division.
6. EC for the closure direction issued on the ground of non-compliance of prescribed discharge/ emission norms shall apply for the period between date of inspection & monitoring to date of closing of manufacturing operation.
7. Direction for closure or revocation and direction for imposition of EC to be dealt separately.

This issues in supersession of the earlier approach & methodology being followed in calculation of EC amount on the ground of non-compliance of closure direction regarding OCEMS and circular no. B19004/NGRBA/CPCB/2015-16(part file) dated 15.05.2019 regarding calculation of EC amount on the ground of non-compliance of notified norms for sugar mills.


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