

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the sub-committee for operationalization of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)**  
**October 12, 2021**

First meeting of the sub-committee for operationalization of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was convened on October 12, 2021 via video conferencing. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, CPCB. The list of participants is annexed (Annexure I).

MS, CPCB welcomed all the participants and briefed about the functioning and implementation of GRAP prior to promulgation of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas. He mentioned that with onset of winters, implementing agencies must intensify efforts to control air polluting activities. He also informed that Dr. V.K. Soni, IMD has been invited as a special invitee, in order to get inputs on meteorological forecast, which is important for informed decisions.

Dr. V.K. Soni informed that slow winds were prevailing since past couple of days however, it is likely to improve from tomorrow. He apprised that wind is likely to be coming from North-West direction for the next two days and thereafter, South-Easterly winds will prevail. Further, light rains are expected on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2021, therefore, AQI is likely to remain in moderate or satisfactory category for the next 4-5 days.

Sub-committee deliberated on the meteorological conditions and actions under GRAP. It was agreed that in addition to actions under 'Poor' to 'Moderate' category, some of the actions under 'very poor' category should commence from 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2021, though the AQI is expected to remain in 'Satisfactory' to 'Moderate' category. Following actions are suggested for implementation in NCR:

1. Stop use of coal/firewood in hotels and open eateries.
2. Augment bus and metro services including frequency of their operation.
3. Stringently enforce/stop garbage burning in landfills and other places and impose heavy fines on person responsible.
4. Stringently enforce all pollution control regulations in industries and power plants
5. Ensure that all brick kilns remain closed in Delhi-NCR as per the directions of Hon'ble NGT.
6. Ensure periodic mechanized sweeping and/or water sprinkling on roads with heavy traffic and dust generation potential.

7. Strict vigilance and no tolerance for visible emissions – stop plying of visibly polluting vehicles by impounding or heavy fine.
8. Strict vigilance and enforcement of PUC norms.
9. Stringently enforce rules for dust control in construction activities and close non-compliant sites.
10. Deploy traffic police for smooth traffic flow at identified vulnerable areas.

In view of the ‘Satisfactory’ to ‘Moderate’ category air quality, it was agreed to review action regarding operation of DG sets in the next meeting. Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

## **Annexure I**

### **List of Participants:**

1. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board.
2. Rajesh Kumar, Director, Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas
3. Dr. K.S. Jayachandan, Member Secretary, Delhi Pollution Control Committee
4. Member Secretary, Rajasthan Pollution Control Board
5. Dr. V.K. Soni, Scientist ‘E’, Indian Meteorological Department
6. Sh. Sanjay Bisht, India Meteorological Department
7. Sh. Vivek Roy, CEO, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
8. Sh. Nipun Gupta, Haryana State Pollution Control Board
9. Dr. Rajesh Garhia, Haryana State Pollution Control Board
10. Sh. Utsav Sharma, RO Ghaziabad, UPPCB
11. RO, Greater Noida
12. Sh. Sharandeep Singh, Scientist D, Central Pollution Control Board
13. Ms. Deuvshree Sharma, Central Pollution Control Board