

ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION (PREVENTION & CONTROL) AUTHORITY
for the National Capital Region

Most Urgent

Dr. Bhure Lal
Chairman

EPCA-R/2019/L-42
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Dear *Sir,*

This is further to the meeting of October 7, 2019 on the implementation of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), which has been notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on January 12, 2017.

EPCA has been advised by Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan, which is chaired by the member secretary of the Central Pollution Control Board that the coming period, beginning October 12, 2019 is projected to have adverse weather conditions, which will exacerbate the potential for pollution. The region is already in the 'Moderate/ poor' category in terms of air quality and, therefore, all efforts have to be made to ensure that the levels do not rise further, even with adverse weather conditions.

Based on this forecast and prediction, EPCA has, in its meeting held on October 7, 2019 has decided that there is need to bring in additional following measures to combat pollution so as to ensure that levels of pollution can be contained.

Accordingly, EPCA is directing the following measures under Very Poor/Severe category of GRAP from October 15, 2019:

1. Hot Spot Monitoring:

- i. Clear Action plan will be prepared by the pollution control board for 19 hot spots identified:**
 - a) Delhi:**
 1. Okhla phase 2, 2. Dwarka, 3. Ashok Vihar, 4. Bawana, 5. Narela, 6. Mundka, 7. Punjabi Bagh, 8. Wazirpur, 9. Rohini, 10. Vivek Vihar, 11. Anand Vihar (including Mandoli), 12. R K Puram, 13. Jahangir Puri, 14. Mayapuri
 - b) Haryana: 1. Faridabad 1 and 2, 2. Bahadurgarh, 3. Gurgaon (including Udyog Vihar);**
 - c) UP: Sahibabad, and**
 - d) Rajasthan: Bhiwadi.**
- ii. The action plans will be submitted by October 15, 2019 to CPCB and EPCA.**
- iii. The plan for each hotspot will include**
 - a. Street/avenue/road/sub-area/industry-wise tasks to be undertaken to reduce pollution this winter in each hotspot with deadlines.**
 - b. Contact details of the Nodal officer/person who will be accountable for ensuring completion of the activity.**
 - c. Periodicity of day and night patrolling**

Based on these plans, monitoring will be done to ensure that there are no instances of waste and garbage burning; that there is full compliance with approved fuel notification and that there is no pollution from stacks and that there is all effort made to mitigate all sources of pollution.

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2. Ban use of diesel generator sets (other than exclusion/emergency services) in Delhi and in vicinity towns – Ghaziabad, Noida and Greater Noida, Faridabad and Gurgaon, Sonipat, Panipat, Bahadurgarh. EPCA will send a list of the exclusion and emergency services that were permitted in NCR Delhi in the last winter for the use of all state governments.

3. This measure will require you to coordinate with the State Electricity Boards and ensure special efforts are made for 24x7 electricity in these towns to avoid requirement of operating DG sets and inconvenience to public. We hope that you will take these steps at the earliest so that the ban on diesel generator sets is effective and enforcement is stringent.

4. On the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Delhi government has notified the Parking Policy. It is most urgent that as per the requirement of the policy, the charges for parking should be decided at the earliest so that these can be implemented by October 15, 2019. GRAP provides for enhancement of these charges during high pollution period and this can only be done once the charges as provided in the policy are mandated and implemented.

5. On those brick kilns, which have converted to zigzag technology will be allowed to operate in all NCR districts. This requires enforcement as EPCA has noted and brought to your attention, non-compliant brick kilns that continue to operate in violation of these directives.

6. All Stone Crushers/RMC plants/Hot mix plants generating dust pollution should install dust control measures. Pollution Control boards be directed to increase frequency of monitoring surrounding these crushers/plants and prepare a check list by October 15, 2019 to monitor their compliance. The effective implementation of these steps may obviate the need to ban these sectors during high pollution periods.

7. Direct mechanized sweeping machines for regular cleaning of roads/streets in shifts both day and night. Sprinkle water and take other necessary measures to control dust from roads.

8. In addition, ensure that all steps continue to be taken, as listed in the 'moderate' category of GRAP to stop garbage burning and dust pollution, including dust from construction sites.

The states of Haryana and UP are also directed to submit plan for status of compliance of power plant to meet 2017 standard by 2019 as submitted to MOEF&CC. Based on this EPCA will consult MoEF&CC on the deterrence needed in case of non-compliance/delay in compliance by these power plant this winter.

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All states are also required to publish in newspapers and disseminate widely the following information for the general public:

- i) The need for public to minimize exposure.
- ii) Enumerate and list all actions that have to be taken under GRAP, so that people are informed and can act as stakeholders in the efforts to control pollution.
- iii) Publish list of penalties that have been imposed and actions taken against people/industries found polluting. This information will provide a deterrence and help improve enforcement.

Let me once again emphasize the need for strict enforcement of actions. This requires ground-level monitoring on a continuous basis by respective and designated officials and strict action to ensure compliance.

You are requested to immediately take steps to ensure compliance of these directions.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

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