



ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪ੍ਰਦੂਸ਼ਣ ਰੋਕਥਾਮ ਬੋਰਡ
PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

No. ... Mega/2020/77

Dated: 29/11/2020

OFFICE ORDER

Subject: Procedure for processing Public Hearing applications

The Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, read with clause (d) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 has issued EIA Notification vide no. SO 1533(E) dated 14.09.2006.

2. That the Public Consultation is one of the four stages for grant of environmental clearance for the projects / activities covered under EIA Notification. Further, the procedure for Public Consultation is laid in Appendix-IV of the EIA notification.

3. That the Punjab Pollution Control Board has a dedicated Mega cell in its Head Office to deal with Public Hearing applications received from the project proponents in the State of Punjab.

4. That the Govt. of Punjab / PPCB has laid down industry specific siting guidelines, siting guidelines for construction projects, general siting guidelines and other stipulations for establishment of units / projects / activities, which are required to be taken into consideration at each stage (Screening, Scoping, Public Consultation and Appraisal) of the project proposal. However, EIA notification is silent about seeking such status report from the concerned regulatory authority or SPCB with regard to the said siting guidelines / other stipulations etc.

5. That it has also been come to notice that SEIAA / SEAC in some cases are seeking status report of the projects / units / activities directly from concerned Regional Office of PPCB without bringing the matter into the knowledge of the higher Offices and Regional Office are providing such reports without the approval of the Competent Authority resulting in missing of vital policy parameters in the such reports.

6. That the matter has been considered by the Competent Authority of the Board and it has been decided that following procedure shall be adopted while processing applications of public hearing received from the project proponent & while sending the status report of the projects / units / activities to the SEIAA / SEAC, Punjab:

- 1) Mega cell of the Board after receipt of application for conduct of public hearing of the unit / projects / activities follow the procedure as delineated below:
 - a) Send the details of the projects proposal through an e-mail to the concerned Regional Office for giving comments regarding suitability of the site, construction status and adequacy of pollution control proposals through concerned Zonal Office / Chief Office which inter-alia includes the approval of Chairman on single note file within 15 days. Such comments / reports are to be sent to Mega cell of the Board by the concerned Zonal Office and a copy of the same shall be retained both in Regional Offices / Zonal Offices.
 - b) Get the approval from the Chairman of the Board for finalizing the date of public hearing & take action for publishing public notice thereafter, without waiting for the report from the concerned Regional Office / Zonal Office / Chief Office.
 - c) Draft EIA report along with executive summary of the project shall be forwarded to the Computer section for immediate uploading on Board website at the time of giving public notice.

- d) Comments / report of the Board to be received from the concerned Zonal Office, are to be incorporated while sending the proceedings of the public hearing to the concerned Authority.
- e) Proceedings of the public hearing shall be forwarded to the Computer Section for immediate uploading on Board's website.
- f) All efforts to be made for completing the various steps of conducting the public hearing process within the time frame as prescribed in the EIA notification.
- ii) In case of reports asked by SEIAA / SEAC, Regional Offices shall send the comments regarding suitability of the site, construction status and adequacy of pollution control proposals to the concerned Zonal Office / Chief Office, which inter-alia includes the approval of the Chairman the Board on single note file. The final reports shall be issued to SEIAA / SEAC by the concerned Zonal Office. A copy of such reports shall be retained both in Regional Offices / Zonal Offices. The entire process shall be completed within 15 days:

This order will come into force with immediate effect.

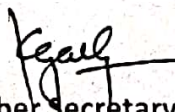

Chairman

Dated: 27.11.2020

Endst. No. 3497-537

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for necessary action:

1. The Chief Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Chief Office, Jalandhar/Ludhiana/Bathinda/Patiala/HQ.
2. The Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, Patiala-1/2/ Ludhiana-1/2/ Jalandhar/ Amritsar/ Bathinda.
3. The Senior Environmental Engineer (HQ-1/2), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
4. The Special Secretary (General & Policy), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Mohali.
5. The Senior Scientific Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
6. The Senior Law Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
7. The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Patiala/ Ludhiana-1/2/3/4/Jalandhar/ Amritsar/ Bathinda/ Faridkot/ Sangrur / Hoshiarpur/ Mohali/ Batala & Fatehgarh Sahib.
8. The Environmental Engineer (Const./Mega/EPA), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
9. The Environmental Engineer (Computer), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala for uploading the office order on the website of the Board for information of the concerned.
10. The Scientific Officer (Air), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
11. The Deputy Controller (F&A), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
12. The Administrative Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
13. PS to Chairman & PA to Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.


Member Secretary