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PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

No. 385

Dated. 10/9/24

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Simplifying procedure for public consultation required as a pre-requisite for the grant of Environmental Clearance to be granted under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006.

The industrial and other development projects and activities listed in the schedule appended to the EIA Notification dated 14/9/2006 requires prior Environmental Clearance (EC) from the MoEF&CC / SEIAA, Punjab (as the case may be), in accordance with the procedures specified in the said notification.

2. That the public consultation is one of the four stages for grant of environmental clearance. Further, the procedure for public consultation is laid in the Appendix-IV of the EIA Notification, 2006.

3. That the Board has laid down certain guidelines / in-house procedure for processing applications of public consultation / public hearing received from the project proponent and sending the proceedings to MoEF&CC/ SEIAA, Punjab vide No. Mega/2020/77 dated 29.01.2020, amended vide Office Memorandum No. SEE (HQ2)/2022/05 dated 10.01.2022.

4. That in line with the above procedure laid down by the Board, a status report on site suitability, construction status and adequacy of pollution control proposals is being sought from the field offices for incorporating the same while sending the proceedings to the MoEF&CC / SEIAA. As the projects are at conceptual stage, documents required to prove site suitability are seldom available with the project proponent. Issuance of these documents requires considerable time as same are to be obtained from other statutory authorities like Deptt. of Town & Country Planning or Deptt. of Local Government etc. This results in in-ordinate delays while sending proceedings to the MoEF&CC / SEIAA.

5. That under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006, a limited period of 45 days is allowed for completing the process of public consultation and for sending the

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proceedings to the concerned authorities (MoEF&CC/SEIAA). Moreover, in the said notification, there is no requirement for sending report suitability of site, construction status and adequacy of pollution control proposals while sending the proceedings to the MoEF&CC / SEIAA.

6. That to facilitate the issuance of proceedings of public consultation / hearing in prescribed time allowed in the EIA Notification, 2006 the Competent Authority has decided to modify the office order no. Mega/2020/77 dated 29.01.2020 to the extent that Clause-6(l)(a) and 6(l)(d) is deleted. For clarity it is mentioned that there is no need to give comments regarding suitability of site, construction status and adequacy of pollution control proposals at the time of processing / sending proceedings of the public hearing to the MoEF&CC / SEIAA.

- NOTE: i) *In normal circumstances/situations, the report on suitability of site, construction status and adequacy of pollution control proposals shall be provided by the Zonal Offices as and when asked by the MoEF&CC/SEIAA, while processing the environmental clearance applications of the project proponents as required at 6 (ii) of aforesaid office order dated 29.1.2020 (amended on 10.1.2022).*
- ii) *However, the above comments in the violation cases, court matters/subjudice matters/NGT matters, FIR cases etc. shall be sent only after the approval of the Competent Authority.*
- iii) *Rest of the procedure and modalities as mentioned in Office order Mega/2020/77 dated 29.01.2020 further amended vide Office Memorandum No. 05 dated 10.01.2022 shall remain the same. **Copies enclosed.***

This order shall come into force with immediate effect.

ਮੁੜਲਿਖਤ ਕਰਕੇ
 Prof. (Dr.) Adarsh Pal Vig
 Chairman

Endst. No. SEE(HQ-2)/2024/.....-38

Dated 10/9/24

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

1. The Member Secretary, SEIAA, Punjab, Mohali
2. The Chief Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala/Ludhiana/Jalandhar/Bathinda/HQ/PBIP.

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3. The Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, Patiala-1/2, Ludhiana-1/2, Jalandhar, Amritsar & Bathinda
4. The Senior Environmental Engineer (HQ-1/2/3/4), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala
5. The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, HQ-I/II/III Regional Office, Patiala / Sangrur / Bathinda / Faridkot / Batala / Jalandhar-I/II/ Hoshiarpur / Mohali / Roop Nagar / Amritsar / Fatehgarh Sahib and Ludhiana-I/II/III/IV/Moga/Tarn Taran/Sri Muktsar Sahib.
6. The Environmental Engineer (Computer), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala for uploading the office order on the website of the Board.
7. The Scientific Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala/Jalandhar/Ludhiana.
8. The Senior Law Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
9. Secretary to Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala for kind information of Hon'ble Chairman
10. PA to Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.


Member Secretary
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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
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Endst. No. 3497-537

Dated. 29.11.2020

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
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No. SEE (HQ-2)/2022/...05.....

Dated. 10/01/2022.....

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Simplifying procedure for sending reports for the issuance of proceedings of public hearing and providing comments to SEAC/SEIAA with respect to environment clearance applications.

To facilitate the quick disposal of public hearing and environment clearance applications as mandated under EIA Notification 2006, it has been decided to simplify the procedure and the office order of the Board issued earlier vide No. Mega/2020/77 dated 29.01.2020 is partially amended accordingly as detailed under:

1. The reports/comments as sought by the Mega Branch of PPCB/SEAC/SEIAA as mentioned in clause 6 (i) & 6 (ii) of the above office order shall now be approved by the Senior Environmental Engineer of the concerned Zonal Office of the Board. No prior approval of the Chairman of the Board is required in such cases.
2. While sending such reports/comments, Senior Environmental Engineer of Zonal Offices shall ensure the compliance and reporting of suitability of site considering the siting criteria, latest construction status, standard operating practices and other environmental guidelines prescribed by the CPCB/PPCB/MoEF&CC/State Govt. as well as the adequacy of proposed pollution control arrangements.
3. As the DECC is now holding weekly meetings for SEAC/SEIAA, sincere efforts should be made to provide reports/comments, within a week from the receipt of such applications of public hearing/environment clearance from the quarter concern.
4. Reports sought at clause 6 (i) of office order dated 29.01.2020 shall be sent to Mega Branch with copy to concerned Chief Office of the Board. In case of the clause 6 (ii), report/comments shall directly be sent to SEIAA/SEAC with copy to the Mega Branch and concerned Chief Office of the Board.
5. Rest of the procedure and modalities as mentioned in the office order No. Mega/2020/77 dated 29.01.2020 shall remain same.

These orders shall come into force with immediate effect.

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Dated 10/01/2022

A copy of the above is forwarded to Director, Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh with request to seek such reports from the concerned Regional Office/Zonal Office of the Board with copy to the concerned Chief Environment Engineer.


Member Secretary

Endst. No. OM/SEE(HQ-2)/2022/.....582-587.....

Dated 10/01/2022

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

1. The Chief Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala /Ludhiana/Jalandhar & Bathinda / HQ / PBIP.
2. The Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, HQ-I/II/III, Zonal Office, Patiala-I/II, Ludhiana-I/II, Jalandhar, Amritsar and Bathinda.
3. The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, HQ-I/II/III Regional Office, Patiala / Sangrur / Bathinda / Faridkot / Batala / Jalandhar-I/II/ Hoshiarpur / Mohali / Roop Nagar / Amritsar / Fatehgarh Sahib and Ludhiana-I/II/III/IV.
4. The Environmental Engineer (Computer), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala for uploading the office order on the website of the Board, immediately.
5. The Administrative officer/ Senior Law Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
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