

PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
VATAVARAN BHAWAN NABHA ROAD, PATIALA.

No. SEE(HQ-1)F-175/2010 579

Dated 15/2-10

OFFICE ORDER

The Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) has been constituted in the year 1997 by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 in pursuance of directions from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for the purpose of regulation and Control of Ground Water Development and Management in the country.

CGWA has identified Ludhiana City and 5 blocks i.e. Moga-I and II in Moga District, Sangrur and Malerkotla-II (Ahmedgarh) in Sangrur District and Mohal Kalan in Barnala District in the State of Punjab as Critical area(s) in view of the overexploitation of Ground Water Resources in the region and has declared these as Notified Area(s). CGWA in exercise of its powers and functions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 had issued directions to regulate the Ground Water Development and Management in these Notified Area(s) in order to improve Ground Water regime.

In compliance to Central Ground Water Authority and Punjab State Water Resources Committee (WRC) directions, the District Advisory Committees have been constituted in the above mentioned Districts to regulate Ground Water Development and Management in the 'Notified Areas' by completely banning the process of drilling, construction, installation of any Ground Water abstraction structure for Commercial/Industrial use or by farmers having holdings above 4 Hectare of Land and to issue prior specific approval for construction of any new structure and scheme/project of Ground Water development as per the guidelines of CGWA and to perform some other functions.

As the Industrial/Commercial units are required to obtain the consent to establish (NOC) of the Punjab Pollution Control Board at the time of establishment, under the relevant provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, it has been decided that at the time of grant of consent to establish (NOC) to the Commercial/Industrial establishments, in the above mentioned Notified Area(s), the Board shall impose a special condition as under:-

"That the Commercial/Industrial establishment shall seek and obtain the prior specific approval of the District Advisory Committee for the purpose of drilling, construction, installation of any ground water abstraction structure for Commercial/Industrial use and submit the same to the office of the Board at the time of obtaining clearance certificate for release of Power and consent to operate."

Clearance certificate for release of Power and consent to operate will be granted to the Commercial/Industrial establishments, only on the furnishing of specific approval of the District Advisory Committee of the respective notified area(s).

These orders shall come into force with immediate effect.

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Chairman.

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

1. The Chief Environmental Engineer - I, II, III, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
2. The Senior Environmental Engineer, HQ-I, II, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala
3. The Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, Patiala-I,II, Ludhiana, -I/II, Jalandhar, Bathinda and Amritsar.
4. The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Patiala, Sangrur, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ludhiana-I/II/III/IV/Hoshiarpur/ Jalandhar/Amritsar/Bathinda, Faridkot & Nodal Office, Mohali.
5. The Environmental Engineer, EE(ZP-1)/ZP-II/HWM/EE-I,II(HQ-I)/EE-I,II(HQ-II)/CSA, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

The copy of the minutes of the 5th meeting of Punjab State Water Resources Committee (WRC) held on 07-07-10 at Chandigarh under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Punjab with a draft copy of the notification to be issued for constitution of Districts Advisory Committee by the respective Deputy Commissioner, is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action please.

DA/As Above

Member Secretary

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1. The Additional Secretary(P & G), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Nodal Office, Mohali.
2. The Senior Scientific Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
3. The Deputy Secretary (PR), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
4. The Law Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
5. P.A. to Chairman/P. S. to Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

Member Secretary

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