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Puducherry, the 12 2 MAY 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: PPCC – Constitution of Technical Expert Committee for examining proposals for No Increase in Pollution Load certificate and Identification of Materials Generated from Industrial Processes as Wastes or By-products - Reg.

**Ref: (i) Gazette Notification S.O. 3518 (E) dt. 23.11.2016 of MoEFCC.
(ii) Framework on Identification of Materials Generated from Industrial Process as Wastes or By-products, CPCB, September 2019.**

1. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India vide Notification S.O.3518(E) dt. 23.11.2016 cited at reference (i) above amended the EIA Notification, 2006 as follows:

“Any change in production-mix, change in quantities within products or number of products in the same category for which Environmental Clearance has been granted shall be exempt from the requirement of prior environmental clearance provided that there is no change in the total capacity sanctioned in prior environmental clearance granted earlier under this notification and there is no increase in pollution load. The project proponent shall follow the procedure for obtaining No increase in Pollution Load certificate from the concerned State Pollution Control Board as per the provisions given in Appendix-XIII”.

As per the procedure specified, the applications must be examined by a Technical Committee constituted for this purpose comprising of Officers from State Pollution Control Boards, Central Pollution Control Board and 4 external experts drawn from the academic / research institutes to be nominated by Principal Secretary Environment of the State Government / Union Territory. The Technical Committee will make its recommendations and based on the same the State Pollution Control Board shall take decision with respect to the application received from the project proponent for change in the Consent to Operate for the purpose of change in product mix and accordingly approval of the Secretary to Government (Science, Technology and Environment) has been obtained to nominate the 4 external members for the Technical Committee as required under the Gazette Notification.

2. Further, the Central Pollution Control Board published the Framework on Identification of Materials Generated from Industrial Process as Wastes or By-products in September 2019, cited at reference (ii) above. The framework provides guidance on how to distinguish between wastes and by-products generated in industrial processes. This is important for effective enforcement of the Hazardous and Other Wastes Management Rules, 2016. To determine whether a material is a waste or a by-product, the project proponent must conduct a pre-feasibility study to assess all possible end uses of the material. The proponent must then submit an application to the concerned State Pollution Control Board/Pollution Control Committee (SPCB/PCC) in the prescribed format. The SPCB/PCC will have the application reviewed by a Technical Expert Committee (TEC) constituted for this purpose. Based on the TEC's recommendations, the SPCB/PCC will classify the material as waste or by-product.
3. In pursuance of the above said Notification and Framework, a Technical Expert Committee is hereby constituted with the following composition:

S. No.	Name and details	Designation
1.	Dr. G. Srinivasan, Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, Puducherry Technological University, Puducherry – 605014.	Chairman
2.	Regional Director or his Representative, Central Pollution Control Board, Regional Directorate Chennai, 77-A, Padi, Ambattur Industrial Estate, Chennai – 600058.	Member
3.	Dr. Nehru Kumar Vaithilingam, Director, Centre for Environment, Health & Safety, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram – 608002.	Member
4.	Dr. T. Jayakumar, Associate Professor, Department of Ecology and Environmental Sciences, Pondicherry University, Puducherry – 605014.	Member
5.	Dr. P. Senthil Kumar, Associate Professor, Centre for Pollution Control and Environmental Engineering, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.	Member
6.	Environmental Engineer, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, 3 rd Floor, PHB Building, Anna Nagar, Puducherry – 605005.	Member Convenor

4. Terms of Reference for the Committee:

- (i) Examining and making recommendations on the applications received by PPCC for No Increase in Pollution Load Certificate for projects involving change in product-mix or change in quantities within products or number of products in the same category in terms of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) issued Notification No. S.O. 3518 (E) dated 23.11.2016.
- (ii) Examining and making recommendations on the applications received by PPCC for Identification of materials generated from industrial processes as wastes or by-products in terms of the Framework on Identification of Materials Generated from Industrial Process as Wastes or By-products published by CPCB in September 2019.
- (iii) The tenure of the Committee shall be for a period of three years from the date of issue of this order.

// BY ORDER //



(Dr. N. Ramesh)

MEMBER SECRETARY

To

 The Chairman and Members concerned

Copy submitted to:

- i) The Secretary to Government (Science, Technology and Environment) – cum – Chairman (PPCC), Puducherry.
- ii) The Director, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Puducherry.

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