

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

Most Urgent

Dr. Bhure Lal
Chairman

EPCA-R/2018/L-91
October 27, 2018

Dear Sir,

This is further to letter of October 12, 2018 on the implementation of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

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 November 1, 2018 is projected to have adverse weather conditions, which will exacerbate the potential for pollution. The region is already in the Very 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, the Task Force has advised EPCA 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:

1. **All construction activities involving excavation, civil construction (excluding internal finishing/work where no construction material is used) to remain closed in Delhi and other NCR districts from November 1-10, 2018.**
2. **All stone crushers, hot mix plants generating dust pollution to remain closed in Delhi and other NCR districts from November 1-10, 2018.**
3. **All industries using coal and biomass as fuel (excluding thermal and Waste to Energy Plants) to remain closed in Delhi and other NCR districts from November 4-10, 2018. Industries that use natural gas as fuel can continue to operate.**
4. **Direct transport department/traffic police to intensify checking of polluting vehicles and control traffic congestion in Delhi and other NCR districts during November 1-10, 2018. There should be no tolerance for visibly polluting vehicles. This will require stringent monitoring and on-spot fines for visibly polluting vehicles.**
5. **Intensify patrolling, including night patrolling in industrial areas and other 'hot spots' in the city so that there is complete control on waste burning as well as industrial emissions. EPCA has already brought to your attention that it has found many cases of waste burning and industrial emissions, which is a gross violation of GRAP conditions.**
6. **Intensity efforts for uninterrupted power supply in NCR towns to avoid requirement of operating DG sets and inconvenience to public.**

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7. Publish in newspapers and disseminate widely the following information for the general public:
- i) The need for public to minimize exposure and also advice people to minimize their travel using private vehicles as much as possible.
 - 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.

Yours faithfully,


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Chairman, EPCA

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