

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

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Chairman**

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Urgent directions regarding GRAP

Dear

EPCA has just received the recommendation on the evening of 24th from the CPCB Task Force on the urgent measures to be taken under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP). According to the Task Force assessment, the air quality situation during next few days due to festival, meteorology, stubble burning is expected to be challenging. IMD has informed the Task Force that wind speed and directions will be fluctuating with calm winds in the morning and slightly higher in the afternoon. On 28th October, fog is also expected.

Given this situation, the Task Force has made the following recommendations to EPCA, which EPCA is directing for urgent compliance:

1. All implementing agencies in Delhi-NCR to be on high alert and strictly enforce law for controlling polluting activities including actions for checking stubble burning in the States of Punjab & Haryana
2. Traffic police in Delhi and adjacent NCR towns to deploy additional manpower to ensure smooth traffic in all areas especially the identified high traffic corridors in Delhi. Visibly polluting vehicles to be impounded.
3. Hon'ble Supreme Court directions regarding fire crackers to be strictly enforced by concerned agencies.
4. Hot mix plants, stone crushers and construction activities such as earthwork, which have potential to generate dust to be banned between 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM during 26th to 30th October, 2019 in Delhi and satellite towns namely Gurugram, Faridabad, Noida, Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Sonapat and Bahadurgarh.
5. Coal based industries (exemption to power-plants) during 26th to 30th October, 2019 to be closed in Faridabad, Gurugram, Ghaziabad, Noida, Greater Noida, Sonapat and Bahadurgarh. In Delhi industries, which have not yet shifted to PNG to remain closed during 26th to 30th October, 2019.
6. Zero tolerance to operation of illegal industries and also use of unauthorized fuel which may be ensured by district administrations of Delhi-NCR.

Please ensure compliance with the above directions.

Yours faithfully

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