

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

**Dr. Bhure Lal  
Chairman**

**EPCA-R/2020/L-09  
February 14, 2020**

Dear Sir,

This is further to directions on the implementation of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), which has been notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on January 12, 2017.

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 is expected to be better in terms of air quality as there is forecast of strong winds and also temperatures are expected to rise from February 15, 2020 onwards. However, the region is expected to stay in the 'Moderate/ poor' category in terms of air quality and, therefore, all efforts have to be made to ensure that the levels do not rise further and that we are able to bring down pollution in the coming days, as weather improves.

Based on this forecast and prediction, EPCA has decided that the remaining measure put into place for the very poor/severe category of GRAP from October 15, 2019, would be lifted. In this case, the following measure is lifted:

1. **Ban on the use of diesel generator sets (other than exclusion/emergency services) in Delhi and in vicinity towns – Ghaziabad, Noida and Greater Noida, Faridabad and Gurgaon, Sonapat, Panipat, Bahadurgarh.**

However, the following measures need to be prioritized as air quality is still in the poor/moderate category and all efforts must be made to improve this:

1. **Continue to take stringent enforcement action and implement the Hot Spot plan, as cleared by EPCA in the following identified areas:**
  - a) **Delhi:**
    1. Okhla phase 2, 2. Dwarka, 3. Ashok Vihar, 4. Bawana,
    5. Narela, 6. Mundka, 7. Punjabi Bagh, 8. Wazirpur, 9. Rohini, 10. Vivek Vihar, 11. Anand Vihar (including Mandoli), 12. R K Puram,
    13. Jahangir Puri, 14. Mayapuri
  - b) **Haryana: 1. Faridabad 1 and 2, 2. Bahadurgarh, 3. Gurgaon (including Udyog Vihar);**
  - c) **UP: Sahibabad.**
  - d) **Rajasthan: Bhiwadi.**

**Ensure that there are no instances of waste and garbage burning; that there is full compliance with approved fuel notification and that there is no pollution from stacks and that there is all effort made to mitigate all sources of pollution.**

**2. On those brick kilns, which have converted to zigzag technology will be allowed to operate in all NCR districts. This requires enforcement as EPCA has noted and brought to your attention, non-compliant brick kilns that continue to operate in violation of these directives.**

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3. All Stone Crushers/RMC plants/Hot mix plants generating dust pollution should install dust control measures. Please note that as per the previous direction, stone crushers, hot mix plants, and ready-mix plants may be allowed to operate during 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. CPCB task force has recommended that this restriction continue. Please ensure enforcement of this restriction in the time of use of these dust-generating activities.

4. Direct mechanized sweeping machines for regular cleaning of roads/streets in shifts both day and night. Sprinkle water and take other necessary measures to control dust from roads.

5. In addition, ensure that all steps continue to be taken, as listed in the 'moderate/good category of GRAP to stop garbage burning and dust pollution, including dust from construction sites.

6. The states of Haryana and UP are also directed to submit plan for status of compliance of power plant to meet 2017 standard by 2019 as submitted to MOEF&CC. Based on this EPCA will consult MoEF&CC on the deterrence needed in case of non-compliance/delay in compliance by these power plant this winter.

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,

(BhureLal)  
Chairman, EPCA

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