

The inspection procedure of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board

- The field officer from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board is assigned to carry out inspection under the provisions of various environmental legislations.
- At the time of entry into the industry premises, the field officer serves a notice of entry and inspection to the responsible person of the industry.
- In the presence of the responsible person of the industry the officer carries out inspection, which includes, verification of the following :
 1. Operation of plant(s), product(s) being manufactured with quantity, material balance, pollution load etc.
 2. Status of operation of Environment Management System comprising of control measures for liquid, gaseous and solid wastes
 3. Sources and Generation of liquid, gaseous and solid wastes and how their treatment & disposals are conducted at the facility.
 4. Number of outlets provided for disposal of liquid effluent/ emissions and compliance thereof versus the conditions in the consent granted
 5. Maintenance of records in the form of logbooks etc. at the industry premises.
 6. Number of emission stacks / vents / boilers etc. and compliance thereof versus conditions in the consent granted.
 7. Operational status of treatment systems/pollution control system.
 8. During the inspection and sampling of the industrial unit the inspection officer (in presence of industry representatives) shall collect sample(s) of waste water, gaseous emission(s) and hazardous waste(s), as and where the inspection officer feels necessary, depending upon the environmental circumstances.
 9. Availability of various utilities and consumption of resources viz. water, fuels electricity etc.,
 10. At the end of the inspection visit, the officer issues written instructions to the industry for the non-compliances observed, if any, and they are brought to notice the industry representatives with required corrective measures.
 11. The inspection officer also lists suggestions (based on their earlier experience) to take additional measures so as to reduce pollution load at source or to improve treatability of the wastes discharged.

A check list of the documents, which inspection officer might verify during its visit is also suggested with procedure and are as follows:

- Valid Consent copy
- Environment clearance copy (if required)
- Water Consumption Data
- Effluent Treatment Plant Logbook
- Air Pollution Control Measures Logbook
- Hazardous Waste Generation and Disposal Records and Logbooks
- Production details (RG – 1 Register/Excise statement/ any other Govt. Competent authority submissions/annual reports)
- Raw Material details (RG – 11 Register/Stock inventory)
- Electricity Bills
- Statutory Submission
- Any other document related to industry if required
