

**Pharmaceutical Medicine**  
**Warehouses affected by Flood in**  
**Bhiwandi Area**

**- A Report**

The heavy rains on 26/07/2005 & 27/07/2005 in the Mumbai-Thane region of Maharashtra affected the normal life in the Region. Due to the Deluge, pharmaceutical medicine warehouse situated in the Kalher, Purna Village of Bhiwandi Taluka also got affected. The huge quantum of pharmaceutical medicine stored in the warehouse damaged due to flood water, as reported.

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board learnt about the damaged /spoiled of pharmaceutical Medicine stored in the warehouse located in the Bhiwandi due to the flood. The MPC Board has started the survey of such warehouses of pharmaceutical medicine located in Kalher & Purna village of Bhiwandi Taluka.

The 20 Nos. pharmaceutical warehouses have been inspected on 8/8/2005, 9/8/2005, 13/8/2005, 19/8/2005 & 22/8/2005 in which approximately 2240 Tons of pharmaceutical medicine reported as damaged & spoiled.

The Date expired, discarded and off specification drugs/medicine from the production/formulation of drugs pharmaceuticals process comes under the category of 28.3 of Schedule I of hazardous waste under Hazardous Waste (M & H) Rules, 1989 and amendment.

Therefore such type of hazardous waste needs to be sent at CHWTSDF for scientific treatment and disposal.

The MPC Board official during their visit to pharmaceutical warehouses suggested the compound Owner and company's manager to disposed off the said discarded medicine to the CHWTSDF authorized by State Pollution Control Board.

In this regard, the MPC Board has issued a direction to 13 defaulter pharmaceutical warehouses under the Hazardous Waste ( M & H) Rules and direct them to send their hazardous waste to authorized CHWDSDF.

In compliance to above notice, the warehouses have started to send the discarded medicine to said CHWTSDF. At about 303 tons of Hazardous waste has been disposed off to CHWTSDF up till now. And M/s Cipla Ltd & USV ltd has shifted the discarded medicine from their warehouse to another warehouse and started to fill up the new material.