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## Circular

**Subject :** Exemption from Submission of Bank Guarantees and applicable 12% Interest Penalty for Defence Industries, Defence Projects & Hospitals, Atomic Energy units, Nuclear Power Energy units, BARC Hospitals fully owned and operated by Government of India from submitting Bank Guarantees and 12% interest as a penalty with retrospective effect.

**Reference:** Minutes of 184<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting held on 10/03/2025.

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) issues Combined Consent/s under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, and Authorization under Rule 6 of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016. These consents are granted with condition of Bank Guarantees (BGs) to ensure compliance with the respective consent conditions.

In line with the "Polluter Pays Principle", MPCB has implemented a system of obtaining Bank Guarantees from industries, Health Care Establishments (HCEs), local bodies, and other relevant entities. Further, in its 182<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting held on 12/02/2024, the Board resolved to impose 12% interest as a penalty for non-submission of BGs within the stipulated time.

It has been observed that a number of Central Government establishments particularly Central Government's Defence Industries, Projects & Hospitals, Atomic Energy units, Nuclear Power Energy units, BARC Hospitals are facing procedural difficulties in submitting Bank Guarantees in accordance with the provisions of the Central Government Guarantee Policies.

The Board has received requests to waive of submission of Bank Guarantee and 12% interest as applicable along with documents in the past with the Government Guarantee Policy, 2022 issued by Ministry of Department of Economic Affairs Budget Division, New Delhi and all such cases are pending to the Board for non-submission of Bank Guarantees.

Considering the National Security, importance and based on representations received along with relevant documentation, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in its 184<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting held on 10/03/2025, has considered the exemption to the Defence Industries, Defence Projects & Hospitals, Atomic Energy units, Nuclear Power Energy units and BARC Hospitals fully owned and operated by Government of India only from submitting Bank Guarantees and 12% interest as a penalty with retrospective effect.

The above circular shall come into force with immediate effect.

  
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Member Secretary

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Hon'ble Chairman, MPC Board, Mumbai- for favour of information.

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