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Sub: Changes in the Consent Management System with effect from 16/11/2026

Ref:
1. Direction u/s 18(1)(b) of The Water (P & CP) Act, 1974 and The Air (P & CP) Act, 1981 issued by CPCB vide dated 12/02/2025.
2. Circular No. MPCB/1778/2026-002 dated 30/10/2026 regarding revised timelines for processing of consent applications.

The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) has been undertaking continuous measures to simplify regulatory processes, reduce compliance burden, improve transparency, and ensure timely delivery of services to industries and project proponents. In line with the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) initiatives of the Government of Maharashtra and the Government of India, the Board has undertaken reforms in consent management, application processing, inspections, and online service delivery, with emphasis on standardisation, accountability, and reduction of physical interface.

To further strengthen and streamline the service delivery mechanism and facilitate ease of compliance for industries and stakeholders, the following changes are being implemented in the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Board and will be live from 16th November 2026:

1. New Industry Type – Mandatory

(a) Only the **New Industry Type** (as per CPCB categorization dated 12/02/2025) will be available for selection in the Consent Application Form.

(b) The Old Industry Type option will be removed from the application submission and officer processing interfaces.

(c) The Application Category and the applicable disposal timeline will be determined based on the selected New Industry Type.

(d) The applicable Consent Draft and Template will also be mapped accordingly.

2. One-Time Verification of Industry Type and Category

(a) **Sub Regional Officers** will be required to verify and freeze the Industry Type and Application Category after receipt of the application from field officer along with 7 days scrutiny and verification remarks, without which, the application can not be marked / forwarded to other officers.

(b) Once these details are verified and freezed by the SRO, no modification can be made at subsequent stages except by the granting authority. Any SRO found to have failed to comply with the above requirement on more than three occasions in a calendar month shall be liable to disciplinary action.

3. Revised Application Processing Timelines

(a) Applications submitted **on or after 16th November 2026** will be governed by the **revised timelines** as per the Circular dated **30th October 2026** under reference.

(b) Applications submitted before 16th November 2026 will continue to follow the **existing timelines** applicable at the time of submission.

(c) Applications will be locked by the system in case of breach of the applicable timeline.

4. Separate White Category Application

(a) White Category industries will no longer be available under the regular Consent Application Form.

(b) White Category applications will have to be submitted through the **separate White Category Consent Application Form** available in IMIS.

The above changes will be applicable only to new applications submitted from 16th November 2026 onwards.

All Technical Officers of the Board shall take note of the above changes and ensure that applications are submitted and processed accordingly.

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority of the Board.

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1. All Technical HODs / CAC Cell / All Regional Officers / All Sub Regional Officers / All Field Officers, MPCB.
2. Statistical Officer (In-charge EIC) – For necessary implementation and uploading the circular on the MPCB website.