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CIRCULAR

Date: 08 /10/2024

Sub: Categorization of Ready-Mix Concrete Plants from category G -37 to O-90.

Ref:

- Modified directions u/s 18(1) (b) of the Water (P&CP), Act 1974, u/s 16 (2)(c) of the Air (P&CP) Act, 1981 regarding Harmonization of classification of industrial sectors under RED/ ORANGE/ GREEN/ WHITE categories
- 2) Minutes of 9th Categorization Committee meeting of 2024-2025 held on 1 /10/2024.

Central Pollution Control Board has issued Modified directions u/s 18(1) (b) of the Water (P&CP), Act 1974, u/s 16 (2)(c) of the Air (P&CP) Act, 1981 regarding Harmonization of classification of industrial sectors under RED/ORANGE/GREEN/WHITE categories, wherein, Ready-Mix Concrete Plants are categorized under Green category under Sr. No. G-37 & Original Sr. No. G-72.

Hon'ble High Court, Bombay has passed various orders on 31/10/2023, 06/01/2023, 10/11/2023, 11/12/2023, 06/02/2024, 18/03/2024 & 20/06/2024 in the Suo Moto PIL No. 3 of 2023 by taking Suo Moto cognizance of the deteriorating air quality in Mumbai and surrounding areas as reported in various newspaper articles.

At present, urbanization is taking place on a large scale in the state of Maharashtra. Construction is a major part of this urbanization and Ready-Mix Concrete (RMC) industries are essential for this. RMC plants located in the city are one of the sources of air pollution.

Considering, issue regarding classification of RMC units which was deliberated during various internal meetings of MPCB wrt deteriorating air quality in Mumbai and surrounding areas & decided to refer the proposal to Industry categorization committee constituted by the Board.

Accordingly, the proposal for categorization of RMC units was discussed before 9th Categorization Committee meeting of 2024-2025 held on 1 /10/2024 & the committee has decided to categorize Ready-Mix Concrete units from Green Category to Orange Category (Sr. No. G-37 to Sr. No O-90).

All the Regional Officers & Sub Regional Officers of the Board should implement this circular scrupulously without fail & accordingly amend the consents of Ready-Mix Concrete units in their jurisdiction from Green category to Orange category within 1 month period, failing which the existing consents of RMC units accorded in Green category shall be deemed as cancelled.

(Dr Avinash Dhakne, IAS)
Member Secretary

Copy submitted to: The Hon'ble Chairman, MPC Board Mumbai- for favor of information.

Copy to:

1. All HODs, MPC Board Mumbai. - For information & necessary action

Copy to:

- All Regional Officer, MPC Board: They are directed to ensure that the above Circular shall be brought to the notice of all Ready Mix Concrete units in their jurisdiction & give wide publicity and immediately implement the same by issuing amendment in consent.
- 2. All Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board. They are directed to ensure that the above Circular shall be brought to the notice of all Ready Mix Concrete units in their jurisdiction & give wide publicity and immediately implement the same by issuing amendment in consent.
- 3. SO/EIC- He is directed to host the circular on Board's website & make necessary changes on portal to change the category of RMC units from G-37 to O-90.