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Office Memorandum

Sub: Constitution of expert TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, for certification about "NO INCREASE IN POLLUTION LOAD" for getting exemption from going through the entire EIA process.

Ref:

1. Amendment to EIA notification no. S.O. 3518(E) dated 23rd November 2016.
2. Minutes of the 167th meeting of the Board held on 15.12.2016
3. Approval of the Hon'ble Additional Chief Secretary, Maharashtra.

The MoEF & CC in the recent notification referred at sr.no 1 above has prescribed procedure for certification about "NO INCREASE IN POLLUTION LOAD" for getting exemption from going through the entire EIA process, for change in product mix

All the applications seeking prior environmental clearance for expansion with increase in production capacity beyond the capacity for which prior environmental clearance has been granted under this notification or with increase in either lease area or production capacity in case of mining projects or for the modernization of an existing unit with increase in total production capacity beyond threshold limit prescribed in the Schedule to this notification through change in process and or technology or involving a change in the product-mix shall be made in Form-I and they shall be considered by the concerned Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee within sixty days who will decide on the due diligence necessary including preparation of Environment Impact Assessment and public consultation and the application shall be appraised accordingly for grant of environmental clearance

Any change in product-mix, changes in quantities within products or number of products in the same category for which environmental clearance has been granted shall be exempt from the requirement of prior environmental clearance provided that there is no change in the total capacity sanctioned in prior environmental clearance granted earlier under this notification and there is no increase in pollution load. The project proponent shall follow the procedure for obtaining No increase in pollution load certificate as follows

1. The instant amendment in EIA Notification exempts the requirement of prior environmental clearance for cases of change in product-mix without change in quantity and pollution load as prescribed in the environmental clearance of the project.
2. This facility is available to those units which have obtained prior environmental clearance under EIA Notification, 1994 and EIA Notification, 2006. Such units shall apply to State Pollution Control Board alongwith their last consent to operate. All

such cases shall be examined and decided in the following manner at the State Pollution Control Board.

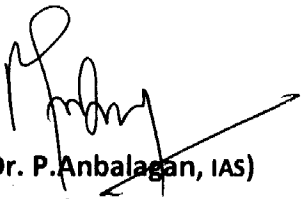
- a. The application received for such purpose shall be scrutinized online at the Sub-Regional Officer and the applicant shall be asked to submit specific information in a format specified for this purpose.
- b. The information so received shall be examined by the Technical Committee constituted for this purpose comprising of officers from State Pollution Control Board, Central Pollution Control Board and 4 external experts drawn from the academic/research institutes nominated by Principal Secretary Environment of the State Government /Union Territory.
- c. The project proponent is required to obtain certificate of no increase in the pollution load from the Environmental Auditors and reputed institutions to be empanelled by the Board.
- d. The applicant along with Environmental auditors shall make presentation before the Technical Committee. The meetings of the Technical Committee shall be held at least once in a month. The Technical Committee shall examine the details received from the applicant and the environment auditors as well as the report of the scrutiny done by the Board.
- e. Based on the deliberations and the scrutiny, the Technical Committee will make its recommendations.
- f. Based on the recommendations of the Technical Committee, the Board shall take decision with respect to the application received from the project proponent for the change in the consent to operate for the purpose of change in product-mix. The decision taken by the Board shall be conveyed through sms/mail and online consent /Rejection order to the applicant.

For implementation of the GoI notification, The Technical Committee for scrutiny of the applications received for "No increase In Pollution Load" certificate/permission is hereby constituted with the following members:

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| 1. Assistant Secretary (Tech), MPCB | Chairman |
| 2. Scientist, Environment Department,
GoM to be nominated by ACS, Env. GoM | Member |
| 3. Zonal Officer, CPCB, Vadodara | Member |
| 4. Representative from NEERI, Mumbai
to be nominated by ACS, Env. GoM | Member |
| 5. Representative from IIT, Mumbai
to be nominated by ACS, Env. GoM | Member |
| 6. Representative from NCL, Pune
to be nominated by ACS, Env. GoM | Member |
| 7. Representative from ICT, Mumbai
to be nominated by ACS, Env. GoM | Member |
| 8. Regional Officer, HQ | Member convener |

Terms of References

1. The Technical Committee shall meet at least once in a month.
2. The Technical Committee shall examine the details received from the applicant and the environmental auditors as well as the report of the scrutiny done by the Sub-Regional Officer of the Board.
3. The Technical Committee shall examine technical presentation made by the Environmental Auditors on behalf of the Based on the deliberations and the scrutiny, the Technical Committee will make its recommendations. On the basis of the recommendations, Board shall take decision with respect to the application received from the applicant for change in the Consent to operate for the purpose of change in product-mix.
4. The Members of the Committee other than the Officers of the Board are entitled for the expenses including travel and honorarium as per the Board's norms.



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