

**COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS**

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F. No. A-110018/01/2021-CAQM - 787

Dated: 13/02/2024

Subject: Directions under Section 12 of Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 – Prevention and mitigation of Air Pollution from Construction & Demolition activities in the NCR.

WHEREAS, under Section 12 (1) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, the Commission is vested with powers to take all such measures, issue directions, etc., as it deems necessary or expedient for the purpose of protecting and improving the quality of the air in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas;

WHEREAS, Section 12 (2) (xi) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 empowers the Commission to issue directions in writing to any person, officer, or any authority and such person, officer or authority shall be bound to comply with such directions;

WHEREAS, dust from construction and demolition activities, amongst others, is a major consistent source of air pollution in the region and large quantities of dust generated from these activities significantly enhance the PM_{2.5} / PM₁₀ levels in the ambient air;

WHEREAS, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 6 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the MoEFCC notified "Construction & Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016" *inter-alia* elaborating the duties of various agencies concerned. Further, the Central Pollution Control Board had also issued guidelines on dust prevention, control and mitigation measures for construction activities;

WHEREAS, the Commission, has also issued advisories, orders and directions towards mitigation of dust from construction and demolition projects, including statutory directions for remote monitoring of construction and demolition activities in bigger projects through a dedicated web-portal of each State / NCT of Delhi in the NCR and statutory directions for mandatory use of adequate numbers of anti-smog guns, in proportion to the total construction area;

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WHEREAS, regular on-site inspections of the C&D project activities are being undertaken by the Flying Squads constituted by the CAQM;

WHEREAS, such inspections generally indicate unsatisfactory levels of compliance and ineffective implementation of various statutory directions / rules / orders / guidelines with respect to Construction and Demolition by the project proponents at their project sites, including during transportation of construction materials/ demolition debris;

WHEREAS, in the instances of such gross violations, the CAQM is compelled to issue closure directions, mandating due preventive and corrective actions to be initiated by such proponents before permitting to resume C&D activities in such projects;

WHEREAS, in quite a few of such cases, the proponents, in total disregard of the directions of closure issued by the Commission, continued with the construction activities and even completed / commissioned the projects without due corrective / preventive measures to abate dust pollution and without resumption orders being issued by the Commission;

WHEREAS, considering the above circumstances, to further the cause of abatement of air pollution and towards better / effective compliance of the rules/regulations in this regard, an advisory was issued to ensure that Completion Certificate (CC) / Occupancy Certificate (OC) is not issued to any construction project against which "Closure" direction issued by the CAQM is pending;

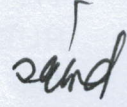
WHEREAS, despite the Advisory dated 06.04.2023 in this regard, instances of continued construction activities, without due safeguards for dust mitigation, including in cases where specific directions had been issued to suspend construction activities and were still in force, have come to the notice of the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, in the interest of protection of environment and the hazards of dust pollution on human health and better / effective compliance of the statutory directions/ rules/ regulations in this regard, it is hereby directed that Completion Certificate (CC)/ Occupancy Certificate (OC) is not issued, by the agencies in charge/responsible for issue of CC/OC, in respect of any project against which "Closure" direction issued by the CAQM is pending. The agencies concerned may refer to the list of entities, whose resumptions orders are yet to be issued (list updated on a weekly basis) at the Commission's website www.caqm.nic.in while considering applications for grant of CC/OC.

All agencies responsible for issuing CC/OC must ensure strict compliance of these directions. The list of agencies issuing CC/OC is not exhaustive. There may be other agencies also that are not listed below and the concerned Pollution

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Control Boards/Committee may issue suitable directions to them under intimation to this Commission to ensure that all agencies in the NCT of Delhi and the cities/towns of Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonipat, Rohtak, Jhajjar, Ghaziabad, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Baghpat, Bhiwadi and Alwar are duly covered.



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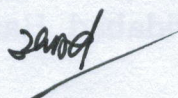
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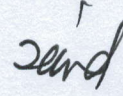
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