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CIRCULAR

Sub: Clarification on distance criteria for M sand, Rock dust, Rock sand godown

Ref: 1.Circular No. PCB/T4/115/97 dated 08/02/2019
2. Circular No. PCB/T4/115/1997 dated 28/04/2015

Board had categorised M Sand, Rock dust, Rock Sand godown having storage capacity greater than 10T under Green category and such units with less than 10T capacity under White vide Circular referred 1st. Pollution control measures for such units were specified in Circular referred 2nd.

It has come to notice that many complaints are being received due to the dust and sound pollution from operation of these units. It was decided that pollution control measures and siting criteria for these units are to be revised. Accordingly, the following pollution control measures are mandated for all M Sand, Rock dust, Rock Sand godowns irrespective of storage capacity

- i. Loading and unloading activities shall be carried out in an area enclosed by a suitable material to mitigate dust and noise pollutions.
- ii. Sprinkler facility shall be installed for controlling dust during loading and unloading operations.
- iii. Details of the material handled (name, quantity, etc.) should be recorded daily in the log book.
- iv. The roads inside the compound wall shall be tarred or concreted and necessary arrangements shall be made to drain off wastewater from washing of vehicle tyres.
- v. The material shall be transported in properly covered vehicles.

Siting criteria of distance of 25 meters to nearest residence and to other establishments (Educational institution / Court / Public office / Hospital / Place of Worship / Community hall) and a minimum area requirement of 50

cents are also mandated for these units.

In case of applications that are under processing and in cases where consents or intimation/registration for white category were already issued before the date of issue of this Circular, Board's siting criteria which was existing prior to the issue of this circular shall be followed. However such units shall comply with the pollution control measures stated above.

All M Sand, Rock dust, Rock Sand godown irrespective of storage capacity shall obtain Consent of Board under Green Category henceforth.

The Circulars referred (1) & (2) stand cancelled. This Circular shall be in effect from the date of issue.

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