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## C I R C U L A R

**Sub: Reduction in time span for processing to expedite disposal/ grant of Consent and Authorization.**

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has already taken steps for reducing time span in processing of applications for consents and authorizations being granted together long back by adopting the procedure for accepting combined application for consent and authorization from 1996 onwards. In the meeting held in Jan. 2015 about "Ease of doing business" and "make in india" called by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, it was decided to further simplify the procedure and to reduce time span for according approvals to industries taking into consideration statutory requirements.

The Consent is an important document and a tool to enforce various enactments for the prevention and control of pollution. The provisions contained in the Water (P&CP) Act, 1974 and the Air (P&CP) Act, 1981 prescribe statutory period of 120 days for grant of Consents after receipt of the applications for Consents, complete in all respect, otherwise, as per the provisions contained in the Acts, the Consents are deemed to be granted by the Board. Therefore, after due deliberations, the Board has decided to simplify further the procedure of grant of Consents and authorizations by reducing time span of processing the applications to expedite disposal/ grant of Consents and authorizations. It is decided that henceforth Consent applications must be dealt on first come first serve basis and each cases must be assigned priority number for various levels depending upon the date of receipt and date of compliance like SRO/X/2015;

RO/X/2015; HOD/X/2015; CC/X/2015 & CAC/X/2015 where X is the priority number assigned to Consent application. Also, it is decided to follow strictly the following timeline in processing and grant of Consent and authorizations, on account of delegation of powers for grant of Consents/Authorizations at various levels by adopting decentralized approach for the Consent management:

- i. **All the Sub-Regional Officers** should dispose-off applications on merit of 'Green' category for which power is delegated to them by the Board within 30 days from the date of receipt of Consent applications complete in all respect at SRO.

However, while processing the applications of 'Green'; 'Orange' & 'Red' category for which power is delegated to RO/ HOD / CC / CAC by the Board, the Sub-Regional Officer should follow strictly the following timeline for processing Consent applications:


- a) The applications under the jurisdiction of RO & HOD should be scrutinized/ processed and forwarded to the concerned within 15 days (two weeks) time period.
  - b) The applications under the jurisdiction of CC & CAC should be scrutinized/ processed and forwarded by the Sub-Regional Officer within 21 days (three weeks) time period.
- ii. **All the Regional Officers** should dispose-off applications on merit of 'Green'; 'Orange' & 'Red' categories for which power is delegated to them by the Board within 30 days from the date of receipt of Consent applications at RO from SRO. In any case, total time line from SRO to disposal shall not exceed 45 days.
  - iii. **All the HODs** should dispose-off applications on merit of 'Green'; 'Orange' & 'Red' categories for which power is delegated to them by the Board within 30 days (four

weeks) from the date of receipt of Consent applications at HQ. In any case, total time line from SRO to disposal shall not exceed 45 days.

The applications received by HODs under the jurisdiction of Consent Committee shall be processed within two weeks time from the date of receipt of applications complete in all respects and submitted to CC Cell.

- iv. **The Consent Committee** shall dispose-off the applications received from HODs within 30 days (four weeks) time.
- v. **The CAC Cell** shall process the applications received from Sub-Regional Offices at HQ, complete in all respects and submitted to CAC within 15 days (two weeks) time from the date of receipt applications.
- vi. **The Consent Appraisal Committee** shall dispose-off the applications received from CAC Cell within 30 days (four weeks) time.

Since, the MPCB has decided to adopt the procedure for simplification of grant of Consent approvals by reducing its timeline to the extent possible; all the Consent processing and granting authorities should scrupulously follow the above procedure laid down by the Board including placing the Consent copies on the website of the Board within above stipulated time. It was further decided that, the above practice will be followed strictly from the start of next financial year.

  
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