

MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Record of Discussions :- 1st meeting of Advisory Committee of Bio-Medical Waste, held on 08.03.2011 at Mantralaya, Mumbai.

The 1st Meeting of Reconstituted Advisory Committee of Bio-Medical Waste was held on 08/03/2011 at Mantralaya in the chamber of Secretary, Environment, GOM at 11.00 am. The list of the members attended the meeting is attached. Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members and the meeting started with the permission of the chair. The record of the discussion is as under,

Agenda -1 - Collection of Bio-Medical Waste within 48 hours from healthcare establishments such as clinics/dispensaries /path Labs/Blood Banks.

The Committee discussed the issue in detail and noted that for small OPD's and also HCE's in remote areas, it is difficult to adhere to 48 hours guidelines. Though there is provision of treatment, use of sodium hypo chlorite itself is not environment friendly. The Committee therefore, suggested that MPCB may refer this matter to MOEF for necessary amendment in the Rules.

Agenda -2 - Viability of incinerators as common facility for new proposals of common facilities in the state.

The Committee discussed the subject and agreed that there is a need of assessing technical feasibility in terms of available BMW, before allowing new common incinerator. The Committee recommended that the incinerator should be operational for minimum 8 hours on daily basis. New CBMWTSDF can be allowed only if the incinerable Bio-Medical Waste is about 400Kg/day available for proposed facility without adversely affecting operations of existing facilities.

Agenda - 3 - Management of Bio-Medical in Veterinary Hospital.

Director Animal Husbandry, Public health dept, Medical Education and Research & MCGM were not present for the said meeting. Secretary Environment mentioned that as agenda is related to Govt. Dept. a separate meeting with these department will be convened to discuss issues related to them.

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Agenda – 4 - Installation of Effluent Treatment Plant to HCEs having bed capacity 100 & more.

The Committee agreed to the need of provision of ETP and in first phase recommended to stipulate ETP to all hospitals including Government having bed capacity 100 or more to install ETP for treatment of liquid waste.

Agenda -5 - Frequency of monitoring of HCE in the State.

The Committee deliberated on the agenda and suggested the following monitoring frequency.

Sr.No.	Particular	Frequency
1	CBMWTSDF	Once in a month
2	HCEs with bed capacity i)with 500 and above ii)200 & above but less than 500 beds iii)50 & above but less than 200 beds iv)less than 50 beds	Once in a three month Once in a three month Once in a six month Once in a year
3	All other HCEs not included in Sr. No.2	Once in a year
4	Medical Education and Research Institute/ veterinary Institute/ Research Institutes/ Animal Houses/ Veterinary Hospitals, Veterinary Clinics, Immunization Centers, Manufacturer of Biological and diagnostics kits.	Once in a year

The meeting ended with vote of thank to the chair.

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