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Sub:- Achievements in the year 2008-2009 by HSM Division.

Dr. Y.B. Sontakke Regional Officer, (HQ), I/c. HSM Division is handling this section since 2007.

HSM Division deals with various major subjects like, Implementation of Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling & Transboundary Movement) Rules 2008 Implementation of Plastic Carry Bags (M&U) Rules 2006. Manufacturing Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules 1989. Battery (Management & Handling) Rules 2001., and Municipal Solid Waste (M&H) Rules 2000.

Implementation of Hazardous Waste (Management, handling & Transboundary Movement) Rules 2008

Maharashtra State is leading state in country where large quantity of hazardous waste is generated. Though there is large quantity of generation of H.W. MPCB has taken various steps for its proper treatment and disposal by way of issuing notices and levy of fine. Regional officer (H.Q) was representative from MPCB for preparation of Guidelines for storage of incinerable Hazardous Waste by the operator of CHWTSDF and captive hazardous waste incinerator. Regional Officer (HQ) is also committee member for finalization of amount needed toward maintainance of Esrow/Corpus fund/Contingency fund/ Insurance policies etc., for post monitoring of CHWTSDF. Regional Officer (HQ) has prepared circular for disposal of date expired/discarded medicines and drugs. Also prepared circular for industry generating spent solvents and its reprocess. Board is carrying out Environmental Audit W.R.T licence quantity for manufacturing and waste generated out of it. Board has developed software for keeping track on hazardous waste generating units in Maharashtra. Installation of GPS for tracking of H.W. transportation vehicles is in progress. First time in India with the encouragement of Member Secretary this section has audited Hazardous Waste Treatment and Disposal Facilities where some significant issues are observed.

Manufacturing Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules 1989.

The Board has taken keen interest to implement this rule as per the rule it is obligatory to inform importers of Hazardous Chemical to Board prior to received the consignment at port and after receiving the letter with documents from importers like MSDS, Board inform to Custom for clear the consignment. Board has prepared proposal to start issuing NOC to such importers. Regional Officer, (HQ) has taken initiative and given presentation to port and custom authorities about the roles of each dept. associated with this rule. After giving presentation it became easier to each dept for implementation this rule.

After giving presentation the proposal to inform about import of consignment it is observed that proposals to inform the Board about import of hazardous chemicals is increased now 150 to 200 proposal are receiving per month.

Visits are paid to different warehouses where hazardous chemical is being stored and issued notices for proper storage and safety measures to be taken.

Constituted Tank Farm Committee for better scrutinizing of cases engaged in storage of hazardous chemicals. **The report communicated to Hon Chairman (Minisrial level) Grahak Kalyan Sallagar Samittee for storages of Hazardous chemicals and regulation of warehouses was appreciated by Hon. Chairpersonof Board amd Secretary of Envnt. Dept. Govt. of Maharashtra.**

Battery (Management & Handling) Rules 2001.

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in association with Central Pollution Control Board has organized one day seminar on 6/3/2009 on for awareness among public and stake holders for better implementation of this Rule. Battery manufacturers, recycles, dealers were present during the seminar. The stressed was given to change the approach from manufactruerer to user and user to manufacturer. Seminar was fruitful for all the concerns and also changed the attitude of the organizations associated with this Rule.

Implementation of Plastic Carry Bags (M&U) Rules 2006.

For making awareness in common public Board has considered a different way to create awareness it is by the way of street plays. The different languages and changes in themes are done according to the places and cities. Board has carrying this activity with the help of UNAST. They have performed about 100 street plays in Mumbai. The new proposal to perform street plays in Thane, Kalyan, Nashik, Kolhapur and Pune city is received. The 200 nos of street plays will perform in these cities. Out of 200 street plays they have already completed 50 street plays. The subject of making awareness of use of plastic carry bags among the public is appreciated by the viewers and registred their comments.

Municipal Solid Waste (M&H) Rules 2000.

Under the Religious places MPC Board has approved the proposal of Pandharpur Municipal Council for treatment and disposal of Municipal Solid Waste. Pandhrpur is place of lord Vitthal where more than five lakhs pilgrims visited this place. To make this holy city free from filthy Board has decided to assist financially.

Exibitions

National

Board has also participated in various workshops, Dr. Y.B. Sontakke, RO(HQ) was Co –Ordinator, Municipalika and Chemtec are the organisors where Board has participated and set up the stalls for to make awareness the common public about the working of Board and various projects undertaken thereoff.

International

International workshop and exhibition also been represented by Board. It was organized at Abu Dhabi. **Regional Officer, (HQ) Dr. Y. B. Sontakke was Co Ordinator and he has presented the Boards achievement which is appreciated by chairperson of the Board.**

Board has already given financial assistance to six municipal councils for treatment and disposal of MSW and taking regular follow up for their progress.

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