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## CIRCULAR

**Sub.: To allow third party certifications instead of Departmental inspections under Environment / Pollution laws for Medium risk industries.**

**Ref.: Decision of Board's 166<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 20/08/2016.**

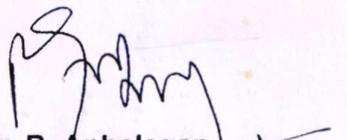
As per the task given under DIPP Assessment 2015-16, Industries department had suggested that based on potential pollution levels and size, MPCB should add a parameter of risk classification, i.e. History of compliance. Based on empirical evidence pertaining to compliance in the past, firms should be classified as (i) Highly Compliant; (ii) Medium Compliant; and (iii) Less Compliant.

Subsequently, Low risk firms should either be exempted from inspection based on history of compliance or allowed to self-certification. Medium risk firms should be allowed third-party certification from Government Empaneled Agencies, and High risk firms should be inspected based on the randomized risk based inspection tool from inspection based on history of compliance or allowed self-certification.

Accordingly, the Board has already issued a Circular on 02/03/2016 wherein the Low risk firm i.e. Small scale industries in Orange category & all industries in Green category are excluded from the routine inspection. Also, the Board has issued a Circular on 15/06/2015 regarding Randomised Risk Based Inspection & Sampling (RRBIS) through software based tool for inspection of High risk firms i.e. all 'Red' category industries.

Now, the Board in its 166<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 20/08/2016 has resolved to allow third party inspection of Medium risk firms i.e. Large & Medium scale of Orange category Industries to the extent from 25 % up to 50 % maximum through IIT / NEERI. Individual Industry shall have to bear the expenses incurred towards inspection and monitoring by these identified institutes. In case of observation of any violation by these institutes, MPC Board will initiate action against the defaulter industry under the provision of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. The industries should communicate to MPCB their willingness to opt for this scheme of third party certification.

This Circular comes into force from the date of issuance and all the concerned are directed to implement this Circular scrupulously.

  
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Member Secretary

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- 1) Asst. Secretary (Tech.)/ Joint Director (APC)/ Joint Director (WPC)/ Principal Scientific Officer/ Regional Officer (HQ)/ A.S.O., M.P.C. Board, Sion.
- 2) All Regional Officers & Sub-Regional Officers, M.P.C. Board,

They are directed to prepare & submit list of Large & Medium scale of 'Orange' category industries pertaining to their region/sub-region and also to obtain & communicate willingness of such industries for third party inspection & monitoring.