

**Salient features of Policy of Punjab Pollution Control Board for Consent Management under the Water Act, 1974 and Air Act, 1981/ Authorization under the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2008.**

- i) The Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) would accept only online application for consent management/ authorization of all large, medium and small scale of industries for obtaining consent to establish (NOC)/ operate in the State. However, small scale industries would have the option to submit the hard copy as well.
- ii) Since the PPCB endeavours to become fully paperless, it does not encourage the industries to submit offline consent application. However, for the purpose of record, it would take one one hard copy of the application alongwith required document duly signed by the authorized signatory.
- iii) PPCB would adopt payment gateway system for all charges payable to it with effect from 1.4.2013.
- iv) PPCB has evolved a common application form for large, medium and small scale industries for consent management and authorization, though the consent/ authorization would be granted separately.
- v) For all industries to be set up in designated/ approved areas such as Industrial Area/ Industrial Estate/ Industrial Focal Point/ approved Industrial Park/ Industrial Zone of the Master Plan, site clearance u/s 41 (A) of the Factories Act, 1948 would not be necessary for grant of consent to establish/ operate/ authorization by the Board.
- vi) For industries to be set up in areas other than the area as mentioned in para (v) above, site clearance u/s 41 of the Factories Act, 1948 would be necessary before grant of consent to establish/ authorization by the Board.
- vii) In cases, where an industrial plot is allotted by any of the agencies of the Government/ statutory bodies or by a project

developer whose project of industrial park has been approved by the State Government, certificate of allotment/ sale of plot by such an agency would be considered for grant of consent to establish (NOC)/ authorization by the Board.

- viii) The PPCB would continue to grant consent to establish to any category of industries, which are permissible in the mixed land use areas/zones as per by-laws of the notified Master Plan / draft master plan.
- ix) In cases, where the site of the project is located in the area other than areas as mentioned in para (v), certificate of its location/situation from the nearest village lal lakir/ phirni/ MC limits from the Revenue Authorities such as Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner or the Sub-Divisional Magistrate would be required for grant of consent to establish (NOC)/ authorization by the Board.
- x) PPCB would grant NOC to new industries of all categories, which are proposed to be located in the designated Industrial zones/areas of the notified Master Plan on the basis of undertaking submitted by the entrepreneur to the effect that the proposed site of the project/industry is located in the designated Industrial zone/area of the notified Master Plan or draft Master Plan in which the establishment of such industry/project is permissible. The undertaking to be submitted by the entrepreneur should clearly indicate the revenue entries i.e Hadbast Number, khewat / khatauni number and Khasra numbers. A copy of the said NOC alongwith undertaking and location plan of the industry clearly indicating the category of industry (red/orange/green) would be sent by the concerned Senior Environmental Engineer/ Environmental Engineer to the concerned District Town Planner of the Department of Town & Country Planning, Punjab / Local Body / Development Authority with the request to intimate the applicant (project proponent) under intimation to the Punjab Pollution Control Board within 15 days, if the said authority has any objection to the location of the project at proposed site. In the said endorsement, it would be mentioned that in case no

reply is received from the aforesaid Authority within 15 days, then, it would be presumed that the proposed site is suitable for the project from the point of view of above referred Competent Authority. However, in case of any objection to the location of the project by the above referred Competent Authority or if any of the undertakings or documents are found wrong, the NOC granted to the project would be deemed to have been cancelled and the Board would not be responsible for the cost incurred by the project proponent on the basis of the said NOC. In addition, a condition would be imposed to the effect that in case any change/ amendment in the draft Master Plan are required, then the continuance of the project would be subject to such changes / amendments in the draft Master Plan by the Competent Authority.

- xi) PPCB would implement the siting guidelines issued for establishment of rice shelling units/parboiling plants issued by the Government of Punjab, Department of Science, Technology and Environment vide order No. 10/48/2004-STE(4)/4061-77 dated 13.09.2006; for cement plants/brick kilns issued by the PPCB vide its Notification No. Admn/A2/FNo.178/98/3 dated 02.09.1998; hot mix plant issued by the PPCB vide its Notification No. Admn/A2/FNo.178/99/3 dated 26.04.1999 and stone crushers issued by the Government of Punjab, Department of Science, Technology and Environment vide notification No. 3/7/96-STE(5)/562 dated 17.03.1998 as may be amended from time to time.
- xii) PPCB would implement the siting guidelines issued by the Department of Forests and Wildlife Preservation vide its Notification No. 26/218/08-Ft-5/4097 dated 05.06.2012 relating to distance of the industrial units/projects from wildlife sanctuary/zoo.
- xiii) PPCB would implement the guidelines for setting up of Construction projects (residential colonies & commercial establishments like shopping malls and multiplexes etc.) as prescribed by the Govt. of Punjab, Deptt. of Science, Technology

& Environment vide notification No. 3/6/07/STE(4)/2274 dated 25.7.2008 and as amended vide notification no. 3/6/07/STE (4)/3768 dated 30.10.2009.

- xiv) PPCB would not link its consent to establish (NOC) of the new industries/ projects/ activities with the environmental clearance under EIA Notification No. 1533 (E) dated 14.9.2006.
- xv) PPCB has categorized all existing as well as new industries into three categories namely Red, Orange and Green keeping in view their pollution potential. List of these categories is available on the website of PPCB([www.ppcb.gov.in](http://www.ppcb.gov.in))
- xvi) PPCB has prepared a list of 131 industries for exemption from its consent management, which has been submitted to Central Pollution Control Board for approval. List of these industries is available on the website of PPCB([www.ppcb.gov.in](http://www.ppcb.gov.in)). Since the CPCB has not conveyed any objection to the proposed list, PPCB would grant exemption to all these industries.
- xvii) The project proponents/ industries would be required to submit a building plan prepared and duly authenticated by a Chartered Architect/ Chartered Engineer/ Director of Factories as may be authorized to do so under the provisions of section 3-A of the Punjab Factory Rules, 1952. List of Chartered Architect would be notified by the Department of Factories.
- xviii) All the industries would be granted consent to operate/ authorization for a period of 5 years except in the case of industries falling in green category, where the consent would be for a period of 10 years.
- xix) PPCB would follow e-governance system for its authorization/consent management and all requisite details would need to be submitted by the applicant online and he would be able to down-load the certificate of consent/ authorization of the Board soon after the approval competent authority.

- xx) Consent Certificate/ NOC/ Clearance Certificate to be granted by PPCB would not be a pre-requisite for release of electric connection to the industries by the Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
- xxi) PPCB would continue to grant its consent to operate/ authorization to all industries not having any hazardous process, existing and operating in non-designated industrial areas prior to the date of notification of Mater Plan provided the industry complies with the prescribed norms for the discharge of effluent/ emissions.
- xxii) For the facilitation of industries, the Board would accept analysis results of NABL accredited private laboratories for the purposes of grant of consent/ authorization.
- xxiii) In order to encourage self-discipline amongst all industries, PPCB would accept environment audit reports from the Chartered Engineers. The Board would notify a panel of Chartered Engineers to facilitate the industries to select any one of them for environment audit.
- xxiv) For monitoring the intensity of pollution and online surveillance of highly polluting industries, PPCB would facilitate installation of CCTV cameras.
- xxv) PPCB would endeavour to take snap shots of industrial emissions at any point of time and maintain a record of industries for one month through digital video recorder (DVR). The said snaps would be used as an evidence to take action against the defaulting industries.

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