

# **Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CAQM initiates stringent enforcement action: Closure Directions issued to 16 industrial units in NCR for gross violations**

NEW DELHI:

The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) has issued Closure Directions to 16 industrial units located across the National Capital Region (NCR) after detailed inspections revealed gross and persistent violations. These inspections were carried out as part of the Commission's continuous and intensified enforcement drive to curb air pollution and ensure strict compliance with Statutory Directions. Total 16 Closure Directions have been issued to 16 industrial units in NCR out of which 01 is in Uttar Pradesh (NCR), 01 is in Rajasthan (NCR), and the rest 14 units are from Sonipat district of Haryana.

The inspections revealed a range of serious environmental violations, including established/ operational without obtaining mandatory Consent to Establish (CTE)/ Consent to Operate (CTO) as mandated in extant Statutes, non-installation of/ non-functioning Air Pollution Control Devices (APCDs), use of unapproved fuels, operation of units during restricted periods of GRAP, non-compliance of Diesel Generator (DG) sets with prescribed norms, and visible smoke/ emissions from industrial processes. In several cases, units were found operating in blatant disregard of extant Statutes, Statutory Directions and environmental norms.

CAQM has taken a serious view of these lapses and has directed immediate closure of the defaulting units until requisite compliance with extant Statutes, Statutory Directions is attained. The Commission reiterates that non-compliance will not be tolerated and that strict enforcement actions, including closure and other penal actions as per law, shall continue against defaulting industrial units. All industries operating in the NCR are once again urged to strictly adhere to prescribed environmental norms, ensure proper installation and operation of APCDs, and ensure compliance at all times.

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