

Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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PRESS RELEASE

- As part of effective enforcement of pollution control measures, large scale inspections carried out in NCR by CAQM constituted Flying Squads since December, 2021
- Upto 15.02.2022, total 4890 sites inspected in NCR for enforcement and compliance
- Upto 15.02.2022, 407 closure notices issued; 94 sites in Delhi, 92 sites in NCR of Haryana, 173 sites in U.P. (NCR), and 48 sites in NCR Region of Rajasthan; 392 sites physically closed
- Out of total closures, 264 are Industries, 99 C&D Sites and 44 DG Sets
- 187 units/ establishments allowed to resume their operations pursuant to undertaking of strict compliance to the Commission's directions and levying of Environmental Compensation (EC) charges
- Flying Squads will continue making surprise visits at industrial units, C&D sites, commercial/ residential units, air pollution hotspots, etc. and report details to the Commission
- Major non-compliant units are attracting immediate closure
- Minor violations referred to SPCBs/ DPCC for appropriate actions under relevant laws
- CPCB and other SPCBs/ DPCC will continue to ensure compliance and strict implementation of the Commission's directions

NEW DELHI:

To effectively tackle the menace of air pollution across the National Capital Region (NCR), the Flying Squads of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) up to 15.02.2022 have inspected a total 4890 sites for enforcement and compliance of statutory directions issued by the Commission & extant rules to improve the air quality of Delhi-NCR. Out of the total sites inspected by the Commission's Flying Squads, 407 units/ establishments (including Industries, C&D Sites and DG Sets) were issued closure notices by the Enforcement Task Force (ETF). These flying squads have been inspecting all parts of the Delhi-NCR to track down violators and for stringent actions against them. Up to 15.02.2022, total 392 units/ establishments were physically closed.

Since December, 2021, CAQM constituted 40 Flying Squads (12 each for the NCR Districts of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and National Capital Territory of Delhi, and 4 for the NCR Districts of Rajasthan), are extensively inspecting the units/ establishments/ activities in various sectors (including Industrial, Transport/ Vehicular, Construction/ Demolition, Dust from Roads and Open Areas and other dispersed sources) contributing to rising levels of air pollution.

With dedicated efforts to scale down the air pollutants of Delhi-NCR, CAQM's Flying Squads have inspected and issued closure notices to 94 sites in Delhi, 92 sites in NCR of Haryana, 173 sites in U.P. (NCR), and 48 sites in NCR Region of Rajasthan upto 15.02.2022. Out of the total 407 sites, 187 units/ establishments have been allowed to resume their operations after levying suitable Environmental Compensation (EC). Further, minor violations have been referred to SPCBs/ DPCC for appropriate actions under relevant laws.

Following the Commission's directions, the Flying Squads are continuously making surprise visits, intensive field-level *incognito* checks at industrial units, C&D sites, commercial/ residential units, air pollution hotspots, etc. and reporting its details to the Commission.

CAQM has also advised the respective implementing agencies including the State Government authorities, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) to continue to ensure compliance and strict implementation of the directions issued by the Commission.
