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Commission for Air Quality Management in
National Capital Region and
Adjoining Areas



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ORDER

Sub.: Revocation of actions under Stage II ('Very Poor' Air Quality, 301-400) of GRAP and intensifying actions under Stage-I of revised Graded Response Action Plan

Based on the decision of the Sub-committee on GRAP, actions upto Stage-II of the GRAP were invoked on 19.10.2022 in the NCR, pursuant to prediction of a significant deterioration in the average Air quality of Delhi from 22.10.2022 onwards due to calm wind and stable atmospheric conditions as per forecast of IITM/IMD. The actions under stage-II of GRAP ('Very Poor' Air Quality, 301-400) were revoked on 01.02.2023 owing to improvement in AQI since 30.01.2023. However, the actions under Stage-II of GRAP were again invoked on 16.02.2023 due to forecast in deterioration of AQI to Very Poor'(301-400 AQI) category.

2. The Sub-committee in its meeting held on March 01, 2023 further reviewed the air quality scenario in the region as well as the IMD/IITM forecasts for meteorological conditions and air quality index of Delhi and observed as under:

AQI of Delhi has improved considerably in last 3-4 days recording less than 300 points (in 'Poor' category) and has improved to 178 (Moderate) on 01.03.2023. The forecast by IMD also does not predict the AQI levels to go beyond the 'Moderate/Poor' category in coming days.

3. The sub-Committee, accordingly, hereby decides to revoke the order, issued vide dated 16th February, 2023 for actions under Stage-II of the GRAP, with immediate effect.

4. Actions under Stages-I of the GRAP shall however remain invoked and be implemented, monitored and reviewed by all agencies concerned in the entire NCR to ensure that the AQI levels do not slip further to the 'Very Poor'

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category. All implementing agencies shall keep strict vigil and especially intensify following measures as envisaged under Stage-I:

1. Ensure proper implementation of guidelines on dust mitigation measures and sound environmental management of Construction and Demolition (C&D) wastes.
2. Stop C&D activities in respect of such projects with plot size equal to or more than 500 sqm which have still not registered on the 'web portal' of the respective state /GNCTD, for remote monitoring in accordance with Direction Nos. 11-18 dated 11.06.2021 issued by the Commission.
3. Ensure regular lifting of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste, and Hazardous wastes from dedicated dump sites and ensure that no waste is dumped illegally on open land.
4. Carry out periodic mechanized sweeping and/or water sprinkling on roads and ensure disposal of dust collected in designated sites/landfills.
5. Ensure that C&D materials & waste are properly contained, covered and stored within the premises, and construction & Demolition waste is recycled at the processing facility
6. Enforce guidelines for use of anti-smog guns at construction sites \
7. Stringently enforce prohibition on open burning of biomass and municipal solid waste. Impose heavy fine upon violation.
8. Strict vigil to ensure that there are no burning incidents in the landfill sites / dumpsites.
9. Deploy traffic police for smooth traffic flow at all identified corridors with heavy traffic and congestion prone intersections.
10. Strict vigilance and enforcement of PUC norms
11. No tolerance for visible emissions – Stop plying visibly polluting vehicles by impounding and / or levying maximum penalty.
12. Strictly enforce Supreme Court order on diversion of non- destined truck traffic.
13. Ensure strict penal/ legal action against non-compliant and illegal industrial units.
14. Ensure that only approved fuel is used by industries and stringent action is taken against violations.
15. Stringently enforce all pollution control regulations in brick kilns and Industries.
16. Stringently enforce emission norms in thermal power plants and strict actions be taken against non-compliance.

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