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To,

As per list enclosed

Subject: Dust mitigation from roads, pathways, open areas along ROW.

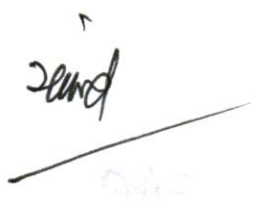
Sir,

It is well established that dust from roads, central verges, pathways/ side-walks and open areas along the Right of Ways is a major and consistent source of air pollution in the National Capital Region and contributes adversely to the PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} levels, consistently throughout the year and particularly during the summer season.

2. Management of Dust from Roads and Open areas

Recognizing that dust from roads and open areas contributes significantly to the poor air quality in the region, the Commission had issued an Advisory followed by a Direction to all the road owning agencies in NCR to set up "Dust Control and Management Cells (DCMCs)" for monitoring and implementation of various dust control measures in road construction projects and during routine upkeep of roads and also from open areas.

Directions issued to the 62 DCMCs constituted in the entire NCR focus *inter alia* on activities as under:



- (i) Deployment of adequate numbers of anti-smog guns particularly in road / flyover / bridge and related construction projects
- (ii) Optimum utilization of road sweeping machines
- (iii) Scientific disposal of dust collected in designated sites/landfills
- (iv) Sprinkling of water on roads/ROW to suppress dust especially after mechanized sweeping
- (v) Augmentation of capacity of mechanized sweeping and sprinkling
- (vi) Properly maintained and pot-hole free roads


3. Most of the infrastructure development activities including roads, bridges, highways etc. are outsourced to various agencies. Likewise, the routine maintenance of such assets also is generally outsourced. It thus becomes imperative that implementation and compliance of all the statutory directions, rules and guidelines in the above context is carried out effectively even through such executing agencies, including at the lowest levels by appropriately incorporating the same in the tenders/contracts/agreements etc..

4. All the Dust Control and Management Cells established in the respective road owning agencies and related bodies of the NCR State Govts./ NCT of Delhi may accordingly ensure that all the tender notices, contract documents, agreements etc. in these sectors incorporate all the guidelines and safeguards as listed in para 2 above for compliance towards effective mitigation of dust during execution of such projects, which are highly vulnerable to the dust emissions and thereby an adverse air quality. These agencies may also consider stipulating quality benchmarks in respect of this attribute in the contracts, duly calling for appropriate penal provisions and measures for environmental compensation in case of non-compliances. Regular inspection during execution of projects shall also



monitor and ensure compliance of dust control rules/guidelines and directions in this regard.

5. The list of such agencies to which this advisory is marked is not exhaustive and all such agencies executing road construction / maintenance projects may also be advised appropriately by the state govts. / GNCT of Delhi to follow the above noted guidelines in letter and spirit, towards amelioration of high levels of dust and associated air quality concerns in the NCR.


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- (v) The Chairperson and all Member, CAQM


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List of Nodal Agencies / DCMCs in NCR**Delhi**

Sl. No.	Department/ Agency
1.	Municipal Corporation Delhi (MCD)
2.	New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC)
3.	Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)
4.	Delhi State Industrial & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (DSIIDC)
5.	Delhi Cantonment Board (DCB)
6.	Public Works Department (PWD)
7.	Delhi Development authority (DDA)
8.	Central Public Work Department (CPWD)
9.	National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
10.	Irrigation & Flood Control Department (I&FCD)
11.	Delhi Jal Board (DJB)
12.	National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)

Uttar Pradesh (NCR)

Sl. No.	Department/ Agency
1.	Nagar Palika Parishad, Khurja.
2.	PWD, Bulandshahar
3.	Meerut Municipal Corporation
4.	Nagar Palika Parishad, Baghpat
5.	National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)
6.	NHAI Meerut
7.	Noida Authority
8.	Yamuna Expressway Ind. Dev. Authority
9.	Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority
10.	Nagar Palika Parishad Dadri
11.	Muzaffarnagar Development Authority
12.	Nagar Palika Parishad Shamli
13.	Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam
14.	Ghaziabad Development Authority
15.	Nagar Palika Parishad Modi Nagar
16.	UPSIDA, Ghaziabad
17.	Nagar Palika Parishad Loni, GZB
18.	Nagar Palika Parishad Hapur

Haryana (NCR)

Sl. No.	Department/ Agency
1.	Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran, Panchkula (HSVP)
2.	Urban Local Bodies Department
3.	Public Works (B&R) and Architecture Department
4.	Haryana State Industrial & Infrastructure Development Corporation.
5.	National Highway Authority of India.
6.	Town & Country Planning Department.

Rajasthan (NCR)

Sl. No.	Department/ Agency
1.	RIICO, Bhiwadi-Unit I
2.	RIICO, Bhiwadi-Unit II
3.	RIICO, Bharatpur
4.	RIICO, Alwar
5.	RIICO, Neemrana
6.	RIICO, Ghiloth
7.	Municipal Corporation, Bharatpur
8.	Municipal Corporation, Alwar
9.	Municipal Council, Bhiwadi
10.	UIT, Alwar
11.	UIT, Bharatpur
12.	PWD, Alwar
13.	PWD, Bharatpur
14.	BIDA, Bhiwadi