



ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪ੍ਰਦੂਸ਼ਣ ਕੰਟਰੋਲ ਬੋਰਡ
PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

No. 171

Dated. 07/11/2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Amendment in procedure for processing public hearing applications.

The Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, read with clause (d) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 has issued EIA notification vide no. S.O 1533(E) dated 14.09.2006.

2) That the Public Consultation is one of the four stages for grant of Environmental clearance for the projects/activities covered under EIA notification. Further, the procedure for Public Consultation is laid in Appendix-IV of the EIA notification.

3) That the Punjab Pollution Control Board has framed procedure for processing of applications for conduct of public hearing received from the project proponent vide office order no. Mega/2020/77 dated 29.01.2020, which was partially amended vide office memorandum no. SEE(HQ-2)/2022/05 dated 10.01.2022 and again partially amended vide office memorandum no. 385 dated 10.09.2024.

4) That it has been observed that as per the current procedure laid down, the applications for conduct of public hearing are being processed through mega cell of the Board and it has been observed that the industries which are non-complying with the existing EC & CTO conditions are obtaining expansion in ECs as no data regarding compliance of existing EC & CTO conditions is available in Mega Cell.

5) That the matter has been considered by the Competent Authority of the Board and it has been decided to amend the procedure for processing of applications for conduct of public hearing as under:

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- After receipt of application for conduct of public hearing in the office of Member Secretary, the application shall be down-marked by Member Secretary to concerned Zonal office.
- Concerned CEE (EE, ZO; SEE, ZO and CEE concerned), shall get the approval from the Member Secretary of the Board for finalizing the date of public hearing & after approval Zonal office shall send the public notice to PR Branch, Head office, Punjab Pollution Control Board for publishing public notice.
- PR Branch will give the public notice regarding public hearing in the newspapers.
- Zonal office shall forward the draft EIA report along with executive summary of the project to the stakeholder departments for conducting public hearing and to widely publicize draft EIA study report alongwith executive summary (English & Punjabi) within its respective jurisdiction requesting the interested persons to send their comments to PPCB and also to Computer section for immediate uploading on Board website.
- Public Hearing shall be got conducted by concerned Regional office & Comments / report of the Board regarding details of the project site, feasibility of the project, compliance of standard operating practices & other environmental guidelines prescribed by the CPCB/PPCB/MoEF&CC/State Govt. as well as the adequacy of proposed pollution control arrangements and latest construction status be incorporated in the proceedings and signed Proceedings along with comments be sent to Zonal office.
- Zonal office shall forward the proceedings of the public hearing to the SEIAA/MoEF&CC and other stakeholders and also to Computer Section for uploading on Board's website after obtaining approval of the Competent Authority of the Board.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect.

Sd/-
Prof. (Dr.) Adarsh Pal Vig
Chairman

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Dated 07/11/25

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action :-

1. The Member Secretary, SEIAA, Punjab, Mohali
2. The Chief Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala/Ludhiana/Jalandhar/Bathinda/HQ/PBIP.
3. The Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, Patiala-1/2, Ludhiana-1/2, Jalandhar, Amritsar & Bathinda.
4. The Senior Environmental Engineer (HQ-1/2/3), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
5. The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, HQ-I/II/III Regional Office, Patiala / Sangrur / Bathinda / Faridkot / Batala / Jalandhar-I/Kapurthala/ Hoshiarpur / Mohali / Roop Nagar / Amritsar / Fatehgarh Sahib and Ludhiana-I/II/III/IV/Moga/Tarn Taran/Sri Muktsar Sahib.
6. The Environmental Engineer (Computer), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala for uploading the office order on the website of the Board.
7. The Scientific Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala/Jalandhar/Ludhiana.
8. The Senior Law Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
9. Secretary to Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala for kind information of Chairman.
10. PA to Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala for kind information of Member Secretary.


Member Secretary