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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Requirement and validity of Certified Compliance Report (CCR) issued by the IROs of MoEF&CC/MS of SPCBs/ ROs of CPCB - regarding.**

The MoEF&CC issued an Office Memorandum (OM) No. J-11011/618/2010-IA.II(I) dated 30/05/2012 which mandates the requirement of Certified Compliance Report (CCR) on the conditions stipulated in the ECs to the existing projects/activities from the concerned Integrated Regional Offices (IROs) of MoEF&CC for consideration of expansion proposals for grant of Environment Clearance under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006.

2. In order to facilitate the process of obtaining CCR, MoEF&CC issued a circular No. J-11013/6/2010-IA.II(Part) dated 7/09/2017 stating that the concerned Member Secretary (MS) of EAC/SEAC shall make a request to the concerned IRO of MoEF&CC at the time of issuance of ToR for the developmental project. Such request shall be disposed of by the concerned IRO within one month. In case, if the inspection is not carried out within one month, the CCR obtained from concerned Regional Offices of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) or MS of respective State Pollution Control Boards shall also be accepted for deliberations by the EAC/SEAC.

3. In all cases involving expansion of any project or activity, CCR is mandatorily required. In this regard, instances have been brought to the notice of this Ministry wherein the Environment Clearance application for expansion projects are being submitted by the project proponent with the CCR older than three years for appraisal by the EAC/SEAC. Further, project proponents are not submitting CCR for the expansion proposals if the existing unit is running on Consent To Operate (CTO) obtained from the SPCBs/PCCs.

4. The aforesaid matter has been examined in the Ministry and it has been decided that following procedure shall be adopted by the Member Secretary (MS) of EAC/SEAC while appraising developmental projects which involve expansion, as per the provisions of EIA Notification 2006.


#### **A. Proposals involving expansion of existing EC**

- i. At the time of issuance of expansion ToR, the MS of EAC/SEAC shall endorse a copy of the ToR to the concerned IRO of MoEF&CC. Based on the same, project proponent shall approach the concerned IRO of MoEF&CC to issue CCR. Such request shall be expeditiously considered and disposed of by the concerned IRO within a time frame of three months from the date of application of project proponent. In case, the CCR is not issued within three months, the project proponent shall approach concerned Regional Offices of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) or MS of respective State Pollution Control Boards (SPCB) or State Pollution Control Committees (SPCCs) for the same.
- ii. The CCR issued by the concerned Authority shall explicitly state the date of inspection, present status of the implementation of the project along with compliance status to each of the condition prescribed in the EC.
- iii. CCR issued by the concerned Authority shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of inspection of the project. The submission of CCR beyond older than one year from the date of inspection shall not be accepted by the concerned MS of EAC/SEAC for placing it before the EAC/SEAC for carrying out the appraisal process.
- iv. Monitoring report issued by concerned IROs in conformity to the above, if available, can also be submitted by the project proponent in place of CCR.
- v. Self-certified six monthly Compliance Report for the latest EC shall be sufficient if the project proponent applies for expansion within a period of six months from the grant of previous EC. If such application is submitted beyond the period of six months from the grant of EC, CCR shall be required for the latest EC.

#### **B. Proposals involving expansion of existing project running on the basis of Consent To Operate (CTO) from SPCBs/ SPCCs (without requirement of EC)**

- i. At the time of issuance of expansion ToR, the Member secretary of EAC/SEAC shall endorse a copy of the ToR to the concerned MS of SPCBs/SPCCs. Based on the same, project proponent shall request the concerned MS of SPCBs/PCCs to issue CCR on the compliance status to the prescribed CTO conditions. Such request shall be expeditiously considered and disposed of by the concerned SPCBs/SPCCs within a time frame of two months from the date of request of the project proponent. In case, the CCR on CTO conditions is not issued within two months, the project proponent shall approach concerned Regional Offices of CPCB for the same.
- ii. The CCR on CTO conditions shall explicitly state the date of inspection, present status of the implementation of the project along with compliance status to each of the condition prescribed in the CTO. Such CCRs shall be forwarded by the concerned Member Secretary of SPCBs/PCCs to the MoEF&CC/SEIAA.

- iii. CCR on CTO conditions issued by the concerned SPCBs/PCCs shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of inspection of the project. The submission of CCR older than one year from the date of inspection shall not be accepted by the concerned MS of EAC/SEAC for placing it before the EAC/SEAC for carrying out the appraisal process.
  - iv. Self-certified Compliance Report for the latest CTO shall be sufficient if the project proponent applies for expansion within a period of one year from the grant/renewal of CTO. If such application is submitted beyond the period of one year from the grant/renewal of CTO, CCR shall be required for the latest CTO.
5. This OM is issued in supersession of OM no. J-11011/618/2010-IA.II(I) dated 30/05/2012 & J-11013/6/2010-IA.II(Part) dated 7/09/2017 and with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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To

1. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).
2. Chairman of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
3. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs
4. Chairpersons/Member Secretaries of all SPCBs/UTPCCs
5. All the Officers of I.A. Division

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