



TAMILNADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD



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Sub: TNPC Board – HW Management – CPCB guidelines on “Implementation of Liabilities for Environmental Damages due to Handling & Disposal of Hazardous Waste and Penalty” - Formation of “Hazardous Waste Incident Response Team” – Regarding.

Ref: 1. Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 as amended.
2. CPCB guidelines on “Implementing Liabilities for Environmental Damages due to Handling & Disposal of Hazardous Waste and Penalty” issued in the month of January 2016

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has issued guidelines on “Implementing Liabilities for Environmental Damages due to Handling & Disposal of Hazardous Waste and Penalty” in the month of January 2016, invoking clause 23(1) and 23(2) of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

The roles of SPCB/PCCs are described in the Section -7 of the said guidelines, which includes “Every SPCB/PCCs shall constitute an in-house team which may be named as “Hazardous Waste Incident Response Team” comprising officials having expertise in the field of hazardous waste management, soil, hydrogeology, water pollution, air pollution, and sampling/analysis etc., for undertaking investigation of illegal disposal of hazardous waste, assessment of environmental damage and implantation of remediation work etc.,”.

There are many incidents of illegal disposal of hazardous wastes reported in the State in the past years. Further, CPCB has identified 321 contaminated sites including probable sites in India, including 14 sites at Tamil Nadu and submitted status report before the Hon’ble NGT(PB), New Delhi. The Hon’ble NGT(PB) in its order dated 12.04.2019 in OA No. 804/2017 has issued various directions, one among related to ‘Enforcement Action’ includes [Action Point 4.1] ‘SPCB/PCCs shall invoke the powers conferred under clause 23(1) and 23(2) of the HOWM Rules, 2016, related to all damages caused to the environment or third party due to improper handling and management of the hazardous and other wastes and non-compliance respectively’.

Hence, it is decided to constitute “Hazardous Waste Incident Response Team” with the following members with Terms of References for the investigation


of any illegal disposal of hazardous waste that has occurred and to perform the duties for remedial measures immediately, recovering amount from the responsible party with penalty as per the guidelines issued by CPCB.

Hazardous Waste Incident Response Team :-

1.	Thiru.R.Ramasubbu, Joint Chief Environmental Engineer , Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board	Team Head
2.	Dr. M.Senthil Kumar District Environmental Engineer , Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board	Member
3.	Thiru.G.Ramaraj, District Environmental Engineer , Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board	Member
4.	Thiru.S.Sathiyaraj, District Environmental Engineer , Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board	Member
5.	Thiru. Sankara Subramanian, Assistant Director, Advanced Environmental Laboratory, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board	Member
6	Thiru. R.Gunasekaran, Assistant Environmental Engineer , Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board	Convenor

Terms of References

"Hazardous Waste Incident Response Team" has been formed as per the CPCB guidelines issued on 'Implementing Liabilities for Environmental Damages due to Handling & Disposal of Hazardous Waste and Penalty' to perform the roles enumerated in the section -7 of the guidelines related to any illegal disposal of hazardous waste in the state of Tamil Nadu


For Chairman
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17/12/20

To

All Members of Hazardous Waste Incident Response Team/TNPCB

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PS Technical to Chairman

PA to Member Secretary