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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, LAHORE



Dated: 29.04.2025

To,

The Chief Executive Officer,  
Lahore Waste Management Company,  
4th floor Shaheen Complex Egerton Road, Lahore

Subject: **ADDRESSING WASTE BURNING AND SUB-STANDARD FUEL DISPOSAL**

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab has recently launched 1<sup>st</sup> ever "Environmental Protection Force (EPF)" with the objective of augmenting on-ground enforcement of environmental laws and regulations across the province. Simultaneously, the Aerial Surveillance Squad (ASS), constituted under the Hawk's Eye Initiative of the EPA has commenced its operations.

2. The ASS, comprising a team of trained officers, has been mandated to conduct aerial surveillance to identify pollution hotspots and gather actionable areas to support regulatory enforcement. Surveillance reports generated through drone monitoring indicate an alarming rise in waste burning incidents, particularly within the urban confines of Lahore. Moreover, it has also been observed that carbon black and other sub-standard banned materials are being used as fuel, further aggravating environmental degradation.

3. In light of these findings, it is of great importance to immediately formulate a joint and coordinated strategy to curb waste burning practices and to implement SOPs for disposal of sub-standard fuels (**Annex-A**). Without integrated and sustained action, this escalating trend will keep on posing a serious risk to the air quality and general well-being.

4. Foregoing in view, let's formulate a joint strategy to deal with these urgent environmental challenges. For this purpose, Mr. Ali Ijaz, Deputy Director/District Incharge (Environment), Lahore (0333-4268724) is nominated as focal person from this side. Kindly depute your focal person so that coordination in this regard may proceed further.

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- i. The Deputy Commissioner, Lahore
- ii. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- iii. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore
- iv. The Additional Secretary (Incharge Environmental Affairs), Chief Minister Office, Lahore
- v. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore
- vi. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab.
- vii. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp.), EPA, Lahore.
- viii. All the Directors, EPA HQ, Lahore
- ix. The Deputy Director (Field), Lahore
- x. The In-charge, Strategy and Analysis Wing, EPA HQ, Lahore
- xi. PS to the Secretary Environment Protection & Climate Change Department, Punjab
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