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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM FERROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated: 13/05/2025



ORDER

Subject: **ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIALIZED UNIT FOR WASTEWATER**

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab, is mandated under the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, to regulate and monitor wastewater discharge from various sources to safeguard water resources from pollution and contamination;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, the persistent discharge of untreated or inadequately treated effluents from various sources into drains, canals, and natural water bodies is a critical environmental challenge across Punjab, resulting in severe water pollution, health hazards, and ecological degradation;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, as per Section 2(xxxiii) of The Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, **pollution** means the contamination of air, land or water by the discharge or emission of effluents or wastes or air pollutants or noise or other matter which either directly or indirectly or in combination with other discharges or substances alters unfavorably the chemical, physical, biological, radiation, thermal or radiological or aesthetic properties of the air, land or water or which may, or is likely to make the air, land or water unclean, noxious or impure or injurious, disagreeable or detrimental to the health, safety, welfare or property of persons or harmful to biodiversity;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, under Section 11 of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, no person shall discharge or emit or allow the discharge or emission of any effluent or waste or air pollutant or noise in an amount, concentration or level which is in excess of the Punjab Environmental Quality Standards;

5. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 5(4) of the ibid Act empowers Director General to exercise the powers and functions of the Environmental Protection Agency. Furthermore, Section 5(5) of the ibid Act empowers Director General to delegate any of the functions of the Provincial Agency exercised by him under subsection (4) to any other officer appointed under subsection (3).

6. **NOW, THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 5(4) and 5(5) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh, PAS, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, do hereby constitute a specialized unit to regulate and monitor wastewater discharge from various sources, under the administrative supervision of Director (P&C), EPA Headquarters, Lahore. Furthermore, the powers under Section 16(1) of the Act are hereby delegated to the following designations of Directorate of P&C:

| Sr. No. | Designation | Power Delegation / Authority |
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| i. | Deputy Director (Regulatory Control) | Conduct Personal Hearings of North Districts |
| ii. | Deputy Director (Research & Investigation) | Conduct Personal Hearings of South Districts |
| iii. | All Assistant Directors (P&C) | Issue Hearing Notices |

7. The operationalization of the said unit will be carried out as follows:

- i. The officers attached to the said specialized unit shall stand relieved from their duties already assigned to them and report to the Director (P&C), EPA Headquarters.
- ii. The Director (P&C) shall assign the jurisdictions and performance targets to the officers to be attached for the said unit after approval of the Director General, EPA Punjab.
- iii. The Director (Admn) shall assign vehicles and HR for the said officers in consultation with Director (P&C).
- iv. All officers of this unit shall record all inspections on the Eco-Watch App against unique identification number of each unit. During inspections, they will assess the volume of wastewater generated (estimated), verify the installation and type of wastewater treatment plant (Primary, Secondary, or Tertiary), and document the operational status of the installed treatment system.
- v. These officers shall be assisted by an inspector and a Field Assistant for office work and necessary staff, to be assessed by Director (P&C) and Director (Admn) jointly, for field duties in every assigned district.
- vi. The officers of this unit will keep on drawing their salaries from their existing posts till further orders.

- vii. The operational expenses of this unit for performance of official duties shall be met from the budgetary provision of EPA Headquarters either directly or through DDO of the concerned district.
- viii. The Deputy / Assistant Director (Field) / District In-charges shall provide administrative support to these officers in discharge of their duties.
- ix. The reporting channel of this unit shall be as follows:

| Designation | Reporting Officer | Countersigning Officer |
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| Assistant Director (Specialized Unit for Wastewater) | Deputy Director (R&I) or Deputy Director (RC) [to be assigned by Dir (P&C)] | Director (P&C) |
| Inspector (Specialized Unit for Wastewater) | Assistant Director concerned | Deputy Director concerned |
| Field Assistant (Specialized Unit for Wastewater) | Inspector concerned | Assistant Director concerned |

8. This order shall come into force with immediate effect until modified or withdrawn.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 13th day of May, 2025.



DR. IMRAN HAMID SHEIKH (PAS)
DIRECTOR GENERAL
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
PUNJAB

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

- i. The Secretary Environment Protection & Climate Change Department, Punjab
- ii. The Additional Secretary (In-charge Environmental Affairs) to Chief Minister
- iii. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
- iv. The Director (ML&I) with the direction to circulate this order amongst Deputy Director / In-charge (Labs).
- v. The Director (Admn) EPA w.r.t Para No.7(iii) of this order
- vi. The Director (P&C), EPA Punjab for implementation of this order in true letter and spirit.
- vii. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D
- viii. All the Directors EPA Punjab.
- ix. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab

- x. All the Deputy / Assistant Director (Field), EPA Punjab
- xi. Officers concerned
- xii. The In-charge, Strategy and Analysis Wing (SAW), EPA HQs
- xiii. PA to Director General EPA Punjab

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