



Dated the 13th July, 2026

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ORDER

518/PA to DG/EPA/2026

**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPs) FOR WATER SAMPLING REGIME UNDER
THE ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING CENTER (EMC)**

In continuation of this office Notification No. 489/PA/DG/EPA/2026 dated 26.05.2026, whereby the Environmental Monitoring Center (EMC), through the Punjab Environmental Reference Laboratory, was entrusted to conduct quantitative and qualitative analysis of freshwater and agricultural wastewater, as well as analysis of water bodies and groundwater profiling for research and development purposes, the following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are hereby notified for the collection of water samples:

- i. Water samples required by the Environmental Monitoring Center shall be collected by itself either directly or with the assistance of the concerned directorate of EPA conducting water related inspections in the field.
- ii. The Director Environmental Monitoring Center shall determine the locations and frequency of water samples to be collected.
- iii. The Director Environmental Monitoring Center shall formulate sampling schedule in the form of sampling calendar and submit the same to the Director General for approval.
- iv. After approval of the said calendar, the sampling schedule will be followed in true letter and spirit.
- v. Where collection of water samples from a lake or other such water body requires the use of a boat, the Director (Environmental Monitoring Center) may utilize the EPA's boat for the purpose of sample collection.
- vi. Any Directorate of EPA or any other Agency requiring the testing of any water body may submit a request for the same to the Director, Environmental Monitoring Center. Where sampling is required, the Director, Environmental Monitoring Center, shall adjust its sampling schedule accordingly, with the approval of Director General, EPA Punjab.

- vii. The Environmental Monitoring Center shall not receive or analyze any water sample that has not been authorized or mandated by it.
- viii. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the collection, preservation and safe transportation of surface water samples shall be issued separately by the Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, on the recommendations of the Director, Environmental Monitoring Center.
- ix. The Environmental Sampling Rules 2001 shall apply to sampling activities carried out by EMC, only where applicable.

2. This order comes into force with immediate effect.



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DIRECTOR GENERAL
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A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to the:-

- 1) Secretary
Environment Protection and Climate Change Department
- 2) **The Additional Director General (Ops), EPA Punjab**
- 3) **The Additional Director General (Imp), EPA Punjab (for information and further necessary action)**
- 4) **All Director, EPA Punjab**
- 5) Director Admin , (Administration and Monitoring) (to handover 02 vehicle (Suzuki Every) along with relevant HR allocated for water sector to Dir(EMC))
Environmental Protection Agency
- 6) Director , (Development) (for information and further necessary action)
Environmental Protection Agency
- 7) **PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab**
- 8) **All the District In-charges (DDs/ADs), EPA Punjab**
- 9) Deputy Director , (SAW)
Environmental Protection Agency
- 10) Coordinator , (CKENPD)
Environmental Protection Agency
- 11) Incharge IT Support , (Unit)
Environmental Protection Agency
- 12) Assistant Director (Public Relation Officer) , (Public Relation Officer)
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- 13) librarian , (EPA)

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- 14) Personal Assistant , (PA To DG)
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