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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, FERROZPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated: 27/10/2025



Subject: BAN ON DRY SWEEPING OF ROADS AND USE OF LIME POWDER DURING SMOG SEASON

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Punjab, is mandated under the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, to take all necessary measures for the protection, conservation, and improvement of the environment, and for the prevention and control of pollution;


2. **AND WHEREAS**, the smog season has commenced in Punjab and is expected to continue till January 15, 2026, during which elevated levels of Particulate Matter (PM2.5 & PM10) pose serious environmental and public health concerns;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, dry sweeping of roads, streets, and public places generates fugitive dust emissions which remain suspended in the atmosphere and contribute significantly to particulate pollution; and these particulate pollutants combine with prevailing fog conditions to form smog, leading to reduced visibility, respiratory ailments, and other health hazards for the public;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, the practice of throwing lime powder on roads further aggravates the dust load in the air and intensifies smog conditions;

5. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 16(1)(t) of the Act empowers the EPA to take necessary measures for environmental protection, conservation, rehabilitation, improvement, pollution prevention and control, and promotion of sustainable development.

6. **NOW, THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 6(1)(t) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh, PAS, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, do hereby order that:

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- i. *Dry sweeping of roads and public spaces is strictly prohibited across all districts of Punjab during the smog season. Only mechanized sweeping and wet sweeping practices shall be employed.*
 - ii. *Throwing and spreading of lime powder on roads and open public places is strictly prohibited until further orders.*

7. This order shall come into force with **immediate effect** and shall remain in force until **January 15, 2026**.

8. Any violation of this order shall be punishable under **Section 188 of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC)**.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 27th day of October, 2025.

M. Imran
27/10/25

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

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- i. The Secretary, Local Government & Community Development, Punjab
- ii. The Secretary, Environment Protection & Climate Change Department, Punjab
- iii. All the Commissioners of Punjab
- iv. All the Deputy Commissioners of Punjab *Series 29/10/2025*
- v. **All Chief Executive Officers, Waste Management Companies, Punjab**
- vi. **All Chief Officers, Municipal & Metropolitan Corporations, Punjab**
- vii. The Director General Public Relations (DGPR) with a request to ensure wide publicity
- viii. The Cantonment Executive Officers, Lahore and Walton Cantonment Boards
- ix. The Secretary, Judicial Water and Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- x. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore *29-10-2025*
- xi. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore
- xii. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore
- xiii. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D
- xiv. The Additional Director General (Ops / Imp), EPA Punjab
- xv. All Deputy Directors (Field) / Assistant Directors (Field) EPA Punjab
- xvi. The In-charge, Strategy and Analysis Wing (SAW), EPA, Lahore.
- xvii. PA to Director General EPA Punjab.

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