



GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY
EP&CCD Green Building, 110, Block - H,
College Road, Gulberg -II, Lahore

Dated the 31st January, 2026

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ORDER

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Subject: REMOVAL OF PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES IN EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP ON SITE MONITORING REPORTS (SMRs) PERTAINING TO AIR EMISSIONS

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab is mandated to ensure the protection, conservation, rehabilitation, and improvement of the environment, including prevention and control of pollution and promotion of sustainable development;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, in order to ensure transparency, accountability, and scientific follow-up of Site Monitoring Reports (SMRs) generated by EPA Laboratories, a web-based portal has been established and all Chief Analysts (Labs) have been mandated to upload all SMRs pertaining to air emissions (indicating violation of PEQS) on the said portal and to mark these reports to the concerned District Incharge (Field/Technical);

3. **AND WHEREAS**, multiple instances have come to the notice of the undersigned that professional opinions of both the Laboratory and Field officers about certain matters (like opacity of smoke on Ringleman Scale etc.) of SMRs are found exactly opposite to each other, resulting into un-necessary delays in their final disposal;

4. **NOW THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 5(4) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh, PAS, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, do hereby order that henceforth:

a. Each SMR about gaseous emissions shall be uploaded by the concerned Laboratory officer on the designated digital portal along with video of at least two (02) minutes so that proper evidence may be recorded;

b. In case of divergent opinions between the concerned Field and Laboratory officers, the following **Harmonization Council** is hereby constituted to streamline, examine, and harmonise the said divergent opinions pertaining to Site Monitoring Reports (SMRs)

of gaseous emissions:

Sr. No.	Name & Designation	Role
i.	Additional Director General (Implementation), EPA Punjab	Chairperson
ii.	Coordinator, Center for Knowledge Exchange and Policy Dialogue, EPA	Member
	Assistant Director (SEA) EPA Headquarters	Member / Secretary

6. Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the Committee shall be as follows:

- i. To consider only those Site Monitoring Reports (SMRs) that are formally forwarded by Field Officers to the Committee through the designated Dashboard;
- ii. Upon receipt of an SMR, to conduct an online hearing of the concerned Field Officer and/or Laboratory Officer, as deemed necessary;
- iii. Where the Committee considers it necessary, it may order a revisit of the industrial unit to ascertain the facts; and
- iv. To decide and finalize each case within a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of receipt of the SMR.

Issued under my hand & seal on this **31st day of January, 2026**.



(DR. IMRAN HAMID SHEIKH)
DIRECTOR GENERAL
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY

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

- 1) Additional Director General , (Implementation)
Environment Protection Agency
- 2) **All Directors of EPA Punjab**
- 3) **All Deputy Directors (Field) / Assistant Directors (Field) EPA Punjab**
- 4) Deputy Director , (SAW)
Environment Protection Agency
- 5) **All Deputy Directors (Lab), EPA Punjab**

6) ***PS to Secretary , Environment Protection & Climate Change Department Punjab***

7) Personal Assistant , (PA To DG)

Environment Protection Agency