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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
GREEN BUILDING, GULBERG
Dated: 06.02.2026



Subject: IDENTIFICATION OF SITES FOR PLACEMENT OF NON REFERENCE GRADE / LOW-COST AIR QUALITY SENSORS U/S 6(1)(i) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab is mandated under the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 to monitor, assess and control air pollution in the Province through scientifically robust monitoring systems;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, EPA Punjab intends to undertake the phased deployment of low-cost air quality sensors as supplementary monitoring tools to complement reference-grade Air Quality Monitoring Stations (AQMS), with the objective of enhancing spatial coverage, improving data granularity and strengthening ambient air quality surveillance across the Province;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, the optimal and scientifically informed placement of low-cost air quality sensors is essential to ensure representative and reliable data collection, accurate spatial characterization of pollution levels, identification of emission hotspots, and to support informed regulatory planning and evidence-based decision-making;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 6(1)(i) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 empowers the Environmental Protection Agency to establish systems and procedures for surveys, surveillance, monitoring, examination, investigation, research and inspection for prevention and control of pollution;

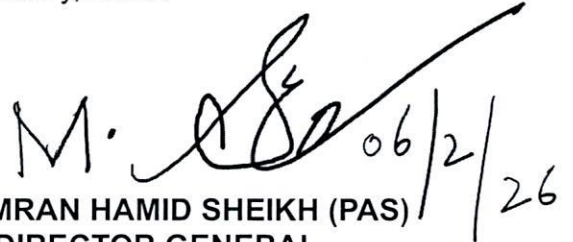
5. **NOW, THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 6(1)(i) read with Section 5(4) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh, PAS, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency Punjab, do hereby constitute the following Committee for identification of suitable sites for placement of low-cost air quality sensors in Lahore:

Sr. No.	Officer	Role
i.	Mr. Ali Ijaz Deputy Director (Env), Lahore	Convenor
ii.	Mr. Muhammad Nadeem, Assistant Director (LW), EPA Punjab	Member
iii.	Dr. Rizwan, Asst Director (Research), EPA Punjab	Member
iv.	Mr. Ahmed Akram Assistant Director (Air), EPA Punjab	Secretary

6. Terms of Reference of this Committee shall be to:

- i. Identify suitable locations for placement of low-cost air quality sensors in Lahore;
- ii. Assess spatial suitability and technical feasibility of the proposed sites in alignment with the existing monitoring framework;
- iii. Coordinate with governmental and non-governmental organizations for informed decision making;
- iv. Submit a consolidated report with recommendations to the Director General, EPA Punjab on 15.03.2026

Issued under my hand and seal on 06th day of February, 2026.

 M. *Imran Hamid Sheikh* 06/2/26

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

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1. The Secretary Environment Protection and Climate Change Department Punjab
2. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
3. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
4. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
5. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
6. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
7. All Directors, EPA Punjab
8. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab.
9. All the committee members
10. The In charge, Strategy and Analysis Wing EPA, Punjab
11. The Coordinator, Center for Knowledge Exchange and Policy Dialogue, EPA Punjab
12. The In charge ITSU, EPA Punjab
13. The In charge social media team, EPA Punjab
14. The Librarian, EPA Punjab
15. PA to Director General, EPA