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ORDER

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**ORDER UNDER SECTION 6(1)(i) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT
REGARDING OPERATIONALIZATION OF AQI CRISIS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency Punjab is mandated under The Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 to take all necessary measures for protection, conservation, rehabilitation and improvement of the environment, including prevention and control of pollution, and to undertake regulatory, monitoring and enforcement functions in the Province of Punjab;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency Punjab regularly conducts ambient air quality monitoring and issues Air Quality Index (AQI) for public information, policy response, regulatory action and timely management of deteriorating air quality and smog conditions;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, the Punjab Climate Watch has been established to assistance in real-time surveillance, crisis coordination, operational response, dissemination of advisories and implementation oversight during severe air pollution episodes;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, under Section 6(1)(i) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, the Environmental Protection Agency Punjab is mandated to establish systems and procedures for surveys, surveillance, monitoring, measurement, examination, investigation, research, inspection and audit to prevent and control pollution and to rehabilitate the environment;

5. **AND WHEREAS**, a structured AQI Crisis Management Plan has been prepared for coordinated surveys, surveillance, monitoring, rapid response, enforcement actions and dissemination of advisories during episodes of deteriorating ambient air quality and smog conditions ([Annex-A](#));

6. **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh (PAS), Director General, Environmental Protection Agency Punjab, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 6(1)(i) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, do hereby issue the AQI Crisis Management Plan and order that whenever the Air Quality Index (AQI) reaches the prescribed threshold levels, the actions as per the attached **AQI Crisis Management Plan** shall be initiated forthwith by all concerned formations and stakeholder departments.

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

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

- 1) Secretary
Environment Protection and Climate Change Department
- 2) Secretary (for nomination of focal person and necessary action)
Communication & Works Department
- 3) ***The Additional Inspector General (Addl. IGP) Traffic Punjab (for nomination of focal person and necessary action)***
- 4) ***The Director General Suthra Punjab Authority, Punjab (for nomination of focal person and necessary action)***
- 5) Director General LDA (for nomination of focal person and necessary action)
Lahore Development Authority
- 6) Director General RDA (for nomination of focal person and necessary action)
Rawalpindi Development Authority
- 7) Director General (for nomination of focal person and necessary action)
Gujranwala Development Authority
- 8) FDA (for nomination of focal person and necessary action)
Faisalabad Development Authority
- 9) Director General (for nomination of focal person and necessary action)
Multan Development Authority
- 10) Director General (for nomination of focal person and necessary action)
Bahawalpur Development Authority
- 11) Director General (for nomination of focal person and necessary action)
Sargodha Development Authority
- 12) Director General (for nomination of focal person and necessary action)
Dera Ghazi Khan Development Authority
- 13) ***The Managing Director, Punjab Safe Cities Authority, Lahore (for nomination of focal person and necessary action)***
- 14) Senior Chief , (Environment and Climate Change)
P&D Board
- 15) ***PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab***
- 16) ***The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab***
- 17) ***All Directors EPA Punjab***
- 18) Deputy Director , (SAW) (for effective implementation)
Environmental Protection Agency

- 19) Coordinator , (CKENPD)
Environmental Protection Agency
- 20) **All the District In-charges (DDs/ADs), EPA Punjab for effective implementation (for effective implementation)**
- 21) Assistant Director (Public Relation Officer) , (Public Relation Officer) (for effective implementation)
Environmental Protection Agency
- 22) Social Media Handler , (Social Media)
Environmental Protection Agency
- 23) librarian , (EPA)
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- 24) Director General
Environmental Protection Agency



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AQI CRISIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

District:

Time:

AQI:

Position:

Sr. No.	Department	Targeted Area of Operations	Activity	Time of submission of 1 st Response in the concerned WhatsApp Group
CENTRAL COMMAND				
1	DG EPA	Punjab	Overall Supervision & Keeping the Minister and the Secretary informed	-
2	Incharge - PCW	Punjab	Monitoring of Operations Posting this plan in the concerned WhatsApp Group Draft Material for SCC and PROs regarding Govt. Response	Till conclusion of operations
3	Incharge - ITSU	Punjab	Technical Monitoring	Till conclusion of operations
4	EMC - EPA	Punjab	Draft materials for SCC & PROs regarding public advisories	Within 15 Minutes of issuance of Alert
5	Help Line 1373	Punjab	Telephonic alerts to the concerned	Within 15 Minutes of issuance of Alert
LIVE DATA GATHERING				
1	Punjab Safe City Authority	To be filled by EMC	Detection of Fire burning on roads.	Within 15 Minutes of issuance of Alert
2.	Hawak Eye – Camara Mounted Vehicles & Drones	To be filled by EMC	Detection of Dust and Fire Burning	Within 15 Minutes of issuance of Alert
OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES				
1.	Fog Cannons-Operational Head of Fog Cannons	To be filled by EMC	Movement of Fog Cannons on designated areas	Within 15 Minutes of issuance of Alert
2.	DD Field – EPA	To be filled by EMC	Mobilize AQI – Squads to monitor surrounding of smoke emitting units and shut down any unit non-compliant to PEQS	Within 15 Minutes of issuance of Alert
3.	C&W	To be filled by EMC	Ensure Water Sprinkling on under construction roads	Within 15 Minutes of issuance of Alert
4.	Suthra Punjab Authority	To be filled by EMC	Ensure wet sweeping on roads shoulders	Within 15 Minutes of issuance of Alert
5.	Development Authority / Local Govt.	To be filled by EMC	Ensure sprinkling of Water on under constructions projects	Within 15 Minutes of issuance of Alert
6.	Traffic Police	To be filled by EMC	Ensure Traffic Management and route diversion where necessary	Within 15 Minutes of issuance of Alert
PUBLIC AWARENESS				
1.	Strategic communication Cell EP&CCD	Digital platforms	Creating posts for public awareness and health advisories	Within 15 Minutes of issuance of Alert
2.	PRO, EPA Punjab	Electronic & Print Media Platforms	Issue News of Govt. activities regarding AQI Management	Within 15 Minutes of issuance of Alert
3.	PRO to Minister for Environment	Electronic & Print Media Platforms	Issue News of Govt. activities regarding AQI Management	Within 15 Minutes of issuance of Alert

Incharge
Punjab Climate Watch