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No. 62 DG/EPA/2024
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM FERROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated : 15.07.2024

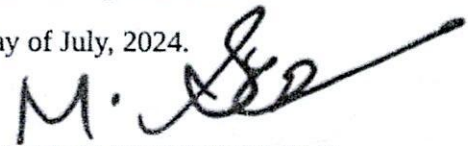


ORDER U/S 15 OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT, 1997

1. WHEREAS, Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Punjab is striving hard to combat the devastating impact of smog that is likely prevail from October-December, 2024. Pre-emptive measures against the sources of air pollution have already been started by EPA as well as other concerned departments;
2. AND WHEREAS, vehicular pollution caused by faulty and improperly maintained vehicles have been identified as one of the major contributors to the smog formation;
2. AND WHEREAS, as per Section 15 of Punjab Environment Protection Act 1997 no person shall operate a motor vehicle from which air pollutants or noise are being emitted in an amount, concentration or level which is in excess of the Punjab Environmental Quality Standards;
3. AND WHEREAS, Section 15(2) of the ibid Act empowers EPA to issue directions for compliance with the standards and Agency may monitor/inspect any motor vehicle or class of vehicles regarding installation of such pollution control devices or other equipment or use such fuels or undergo such maintenance or testing as may be prescribed;
4. AND WHEREAS, the Government of the Punjab has also promulgated Punjab Environmental Protection (Smog Prevention and Control) Rules, 2023, whereby no vehicle is allowed to exhaust emissions beyond permissible limits and EPA is authorized to take action and impose administrative penalty on such violations;
5. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Imran Hamid Sheikh, PAS, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab in exercise of the powers conferred upon me U/S 15(2) of the Punjab Environment Protection Act 1997, do hereby order that **all public and private educational institutions as well as industrial units shall ensure inspection and maintenance of their vehicles, employed for pick & drop of students and/or staff, within 10 days from the issuance of this order, and ensure that their motor vehicle exhaust remains within Punjab Environmental Quality Standards for Motor Vehicle Exhaust and Noise.**

Any contravention to this order shall be dealt with strictly as per relevant legal framework.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 15th day of July, 2024.


(IMRAN HAMID SHEIKH, PAS)
Director General,
EPA Punjab


Copy forwarded with the request to circulate this order among the affiliated Educational and/or Industrial Institutions for compliance:

- All Deputy Commissioners, Punjab
- The Secretary, Higher Education Department, Punjab
- The Secretary, Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Department, Punjab
- The Secretary, Industries, Commerce, Investment & Skills Development Department, Punjab

Copy forwarded to the Director General (Excise and Taxation), with a request to direct Field offices to share data/ information regarding registered vehicles in the names of Educational & Industrial Institutions to EPA District Officers for further necessary actions, please.

Copy forwarded for information:

- The Secretary, Environment Protect & Climate Change Department, Punjab
- The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore
- The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore
- PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D
- The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
- The Director (P&C) EPA Punjab
- All the DDs/ADs (Field), EPA, Punjab
- PA to Director General EPA Punjab


(DR. AMIR FAROOQ)
Director (P&C),
EPA Punjab

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