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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM FERROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated: 05.05.2025



Subject: DEPLOYMENT OF WASTE WATER MONITORING SQUADS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FORCE

WHEREAS, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab, in pursuance of its mandate under the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, is undertaking focused efforts to regulate and monitor wastewater discharge from different sources. These measures aim to safeguard the province's water resources against pollution;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated effluent from different sources into drains, canals, and natural water bodies remains one of the most critical environmental challenges across the province of Punjab, causing severe water pollution, health hazards, and ecological degradation;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, as per Section 2(xxxiii) of The Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, **pollution** means the contamination of air, land or water by the discharge or emission of effluents or wastes or air pollutants or noise or other matter which either directly or indirectly or in combination with other discharges or substances alters unfavorably the chemical, physical, biological, radiation, thermal or radiological or aesthetic properties of the air, land or water or which may, or is likely to make the air, land or water unclean, noxious or impure or injurious, disagreeable or detrimental to the health, safety, welfare or property of persons or harmful to biodiversity;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, under Section 11 of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, no person shall discharge or emit or allow the discharge or emission of any effluent or waste or air pollutant or noise in an amount, concentration or level which is in excess of the Punjab Environmental Quality Standards;

5. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 5(4) of the ibid Act empowers Director General to exercise the powers and functions of the Environmental Protection Agency;

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

deployment of Wastewater Monitoring Squads of the Environmental Protection Force. Each squad shall inspect a minimum of seven (07) waste water generating units, including but not limited to industrial units, housing scheme, disposal station etc, daily and record all inspections on the Eco-Watch App against unique identification number of each unit. During inspections, each squad shall assess the volume of wastewater generated, verify the installation and type of wastewater treatment plant (Primary, Secondary, or Tertiary), and document the operational status of the installed treatment system.

7. This order shall come into force with immediate effect.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 5th day of May, 2025.



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

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- i. The Secretary, Environment Protect & Climate Change Department, Punjab
- ii. The Secretary, Housing, Urban Development & Public Health Department, Punjab
- iii. All the Commissioners, Punjab
- iv. All the Deputy Commissioners, Punjab
- v. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- vi. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore
- vii. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- viii. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp) EPA Punjab
- ix. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore
- x. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D
- xi. All the DDs/ADs (Field), EPA, Punjab for strict compliance.
- xii. The In-charge Strategy and Analysis Wing (SAW), EPA Punjab with the direction to ensure creation of Eco-watch user logins and make necessary arrangements for training of EPF personnel of said squads from 07.05.2025 to 09.05.2025 and ensure start of inspections from 12.05.2025 (Monday).
- xiii. PA to Director General EPA Punjab