



No. 238/PA/DG/EPA/2025
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION DEPARTMENT
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM FEROPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated: 15/04/2025



Subject: **DIGITALIZATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab is striving hard to provide for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation and improvement of the environment, prevention and control of pollution, promotion of sustainable development.

2. **AND WHEREAS**, EPA has developed a digital platform called “**Environmental Approvals Management System (EAMS)**” to streamline environmental approval processes, enhance efficiency, accountability, transparency, and improve public service delivery. The system can be accessed at www.environmentcms.punjab.gov.pk

3. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 6(1)(i) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997 empowers the Director General EPA to “establish systems and procedures for surveys, surveillance, monitoring, measurement, examination, investigation, research, inspection and audit to prevent and control pollution...”

4. **AND WHEREAS**, as per Section 5(4) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, the powers and functions of the Environmental Protection Agency shall be exercised and performed by the Director General.

5. **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh (PAS), Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 5(4) and 6(1)(i) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997 do hereby order that henceforth all the fresh applications for Environmental Approvals shall be received and subsequently processed through EAMS, as per prescribed SOPs duly notified vide this office **circular No. 239/PA/DG/EPA/2025 dated 15.04.2025.**

6. This order shall come into force w.e.f. **16.04.2025 (Wednesday)** and shall remain in force until modified/withdrawn.

7. Any contravention of this order by any notified officer of EPA under The Punjab Environmental Protection (Delegation of Powers for Environmental Approvals) Rules 2017 shall attract disciplinary proceeding under PEEDA.

Issued under my hand & seal on this **15th day of April, 2025.**



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

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

- i. All Commissioners of Punjab with the request to decide the applications of Environmental Approvals received w.e.f. 16.04.2025 on EAMS
- ii. All Deputy Commissioners of Punjab with the request to decide the applications of Environmental Approvals received w.e.f. 16.04.2025 on EAMS
- iii. The Additional Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary, Lahore.
- iv. The Additional Secretary (In-charge Environmental Affairs) to Chief Minister, Lahore.
- v. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
- vi. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D
- vii. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- viii. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
- ix. All the Directors EPA Punjab
- x. All Deputy Director (Field) / Assistant Director (Field), EPA Punjab for implementation and necessary action. **They are further directed to brief the system to Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners.**
- xi. The In-charge, Strategy and Analysis Wing (SAW) EPA Headquarters, Lahore.
- xii. In-charge, Social Media Cell of EPA Punjab to place this order on the website (epd.punjab.pk) and all the social media platforms
- xiii. PA to Director General EPA Punjab