



No.360 /PA to DG/EPA/2025
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, LAHORE



Dated 03.10.2025

To,

All the Divisional Commissioners, Government of the Punjab.
All the Deputy Commissioners, Government of the Punjab.

Subject: AMENDMENTS IN CATEGORY OF PROJECTS REGARDING COMPLIANCE OF SECTION 12 OF PEPA 1997

Kindly refer to the subject cited above.

2. The Government of the Punjab, during 28th meeting of Provincial Cabinet held on 05.08.2025, has approved amendments in said Notifications and Schedule-I of the Punjab Environmental Protection (Review of IEE and EIA) Regulations, 2022 for ease of doing business. Details of amendments are enclosed in following 3 Notification for your information and further necessary action (Copies of Notifications enclosed at **Annex-A**):

- *Notification No. SOG/EPD/5-86/2019 dated 30.09.2025 containing amendments in Schedule-I of the Punjab Environmental Protection (Delegation of Powers for Environmental Approvals) Rules 2017.*
- *Notification No. SOG/EPD/5-86/2019 dated 30.09.2025 containing amendments in category of projects delegated to all Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab.*
- *Notification No. 348/PA/DG/EPA/2025 dated 30.09.2025 containing amendments in Schedule-I of the Punjab Environmental Protection (Review of IEE and EIA) Regulations, 2022.*

3. In the light of said amendments, list of projects is enclosed at **Annex-B** on which provisions of Section 12 of Punjab Environment Protection Act 1997 read with Review of IEE and EIA Regulations will not be applicable.

4. You are therefore requested to process applications of these projects, exempted by Provincial Government from Section 12 of PEPA 1997, as per applicable Laws, subject to compliance with the following conditions for the protection of environment:

- i. Ensure compliance of other provisions of Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997 and Rules & Regulations made thereunder.
- ii. Ensure Compliance of Punjab Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS) notified by EPA Punjab.
- iii. EPA, Punjab will perform its other regulatory responsibility of periodic monitoring, inspection and compliance checks entrusted under Punjab Environment Protection Act 1997

- iv. Install three compartment septic tanks for wastewater treatment connected with trunk sewer as per instructions issued by Director General EPA vide order No. 335/PA/DG/EPA/2025 dated 12.09.2025.
- v. Ensure compliance of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to control the emissions of fugitive dust as per instructions issued by Director General EPA vide order No. 172/DG/EPA/2024 dated 03.01.2025.
- vi. Ensure placement of waste segregation bins to implement Smart Waste Management Process in accordance with SOPs mentioned in executive order issued by Director General EPA vide order No. 316/PA to DG/EPA/2025 dated 18.08.2025.
- vii. Ensure planning, designing, construction and operation of rainwater harvesting system for appropriate use of the rainwater.
- viii. Take all necessary measures to safeguard the existing trees and transplant, where required. Also Plant maximum tree of 6-7 feet height of indigenous species within and outside the available space of project.
- ix. Provide sufficient parking space within premises for vehicles.
- x. Store construction material in such a way that it should not destroy or damage environment of the locality.
- xi. Ensure landscaping and restore the environment after completion of the construction work.
- xii. Follow the SOPs regarding dengue larvae eradication and ensure removal of stagnant water on daily basis.


(IMRAN HAMID SHEIKH, PAS)
DIRECTOR GENERAL
EPA Punjab

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Copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Secretary, Environment Protection and Climate Change Department, Punjab
2. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
3. All the Directors, EPA Punjab
4. All the Deputy Directors (Environment / Tech) / Assistant Directors (Field), EPA Punjab with the direction to decide/ dispose of the applications of projects in the light of new Notifications and update Business Facilitation Center (BFC) portal within a week.

A. PROJECTS EXEMPTED NOW FROM SCHEDULE-I OF PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (REVIEW OF IEE AND EIA) REGULATIONS 2022.

1. Hydroelectric power generation *from 1 MW to 50MW*
2. Renewable Energy projects (including *wind and solar*) *greater than 05 MW upto 100MW and biogas plants for commercial purposes*)
3. Apparel (including garments and leather stitching units), cotton, spinning mills, woolen mills, weaving mills and manual carpet weaving units;
4. Water supply schemes and treatment plants with total cost less than Rs. 50 million
5. Non-hazardous scrap yard / warehouse.
6. Multistoried buildings, residential apartments, educational institutions, restaurants and hotels with height more than 70 feet and area more than 02 kanals.
7. Medical colleges and universities, research institutes
8. Hospitals less than 50 beds

B. PROJECTS EXEMPTED NOW FROM NOTIFICATION NO. SOG/EPD/5-86/2019, DATED 28.01.2020

1. Flour mills, oil mills
2. Cottage industry units with project cost less than rupees ten million unless otherwise specified by the environmental protection agency,
3. Restaurants and hotels below three-star category;
4. Marriage halls and event centers;
5. Bakeries, sweet manufacturing units and other similar concerns;
6. Bus and wagon stands of category 'C' with area up to eight kanals;
7. Cement block manufacturing factories.

C. PROJECT EXEMPTED NOW FROM NOTIFICATION No. SO(Tech)/EPD/1-26/2004 dated 15.06.2017

1. Auto-repair Workshops
2. Basic Health Units, Rural Health Centers, Hospitals up to 50 beds
3. Base Transceiver Station (BTS) Towers
4. Canal cleaning and de-siltation
5. Cold Storage and Warehouses
6. Commercial buildings including Apartments, Shopping Malls, Office Complexes, etc. costing more than Rs.50.000 million but up to Rs.1,000.000 million (including cost of land)
7. Construction and lining of water courses
8. Construction of roads falling within the jurisdiction of a district, excepting highways, expressways, and motorways.
9. Educational institutions
10. Establishment and operation of Petrol and CNG Stations
11. Fish Farms
12. Petrol and CNG Stations
13. Solid Waste Management, excepting landfills
14. Water supply schemes/ Water Purification Plants costing up to Rs.20.000 million.
15. Wood product manufacturing costs up to Rs.50.000 million (including cost of land)