



ORDER U/S 6(1) (t) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997

WHEREAS, Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Punjab is striving hard to combat the devastating impacts of smog that is likely prevail from October-December, 2024. Pre-emptive measures against all the sources of air pollution have already been started by EPA as well as other concerned departments;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, one of the key contributors to smog is the harmful vehicular emissions due to use of substandard fuel, which significantly increases the risk to human health;

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**, Section 6(1) (t) of the ibid Act empowers EPA to take or cause to be taken all necessary measures for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation and improvement of the environment, prevention and control of pollution and promotion of sustainable development; and

5. **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh, PAS, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab in exercise of the powers conferred upon me U/S 6(1) (t) of The Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, do hereby order that, henceforth, the following conditions shall be added in the Environmental Approval to be given to the Petrol Pumps/ filling stations:

- i. The proponent shall submit monthly monitoring report to EPA Field office. The said monitoring to be done by the concerned OMC shall be conducted in the presence of EPA Field Staff, otherwise, it shall not be considered as a valid report.
- ii. The EPA's laboratories shall conduct fuel quality tests randomly and the proponent shall be bound to assist EPA Staff in the said testing process throughout the activities of the project.

It is further ordered that the above mentioned clauses shall be deemed to be part of Environmental Approvals issued to the Petrol Pumps/filling stations.

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

Issued under my hand and seal on this 27th day of August, 2024.


27/8/24
(IMRAN HAMID SHEIKH, PAS)
Director General
Environmental Protection Agency
Punjab

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- The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
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- The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore
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- The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
- The focal person concerned.
- All the DDs/ADs (Field), EPA, Punjab
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