



ORDERS TO IMPLEMENT SOPs FOR UNDER CONSTRUCTION SITES TO CONTROL FUGITIVE DUST IN LAHORE U/S 6(1) (t) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997

ORDER

WHEREAS, Government of Punjab is striving hard to control all possible intrinsic factors which cause air pollution and deteriorate quality of ambient air. 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**, 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;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, Government of Punjab has notified a Health Advisory System for Critical Air Pollution Events (HAS-CAPEs) on 13-12-2022 under which the 1st meeting of Provincial CAPEs Committee (PCC) was held on 21-10-2024 which declared that Critical Air Pollution Event has taken place in Lahore, keeping in view the current high levels of Air Quality Index (AQI).

4. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 6(1)(t) of The Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997 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;

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 all the teams deployed in the territorial jurisdiction of district Lahore for dengue surveillance at under construction sites shall also check implementation status of SOPs for under construction sites (duly issued by EPA, Punjab)

to control fugitive dust. It is further ordered that the said teams shall immediately report the violations to EPA's Focal Person of fugitive dust at Smog War Room so that necessary punitive actions may be taken accordingly.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 3rd day of November, 2024.



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

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

- i. The Secretary, Environment Protection & Climate Change Department, Punjab.
- ii. The Secretary, Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department, Lahore.
- iii. The Secretary, LG&CD Department, Lahore.
- iv. The Secretary, C&W, Lahore.
- v. The Commissioner, Lahore.
- vi. The Director General, LDA, Lahore.
- vii. The CEO, RUDA, Lahore.
- viii. The Deputy Commissioner, Lahore for facilitating the capacity building session of the said teams, to be done by Ms. Fareeha, Focal Person for Fugitive Dust, EPA, Punjab.
- ix. The CO, MCL, Lahore.
- x. The CEO Health, Lahore to ensure presence of the said teams in the capacity building session and implementation of the order.
- xi. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- xii. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
- xiii. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- xiv. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
- xv. The Additional Director Generals (Ops & Imp.), EPA, Lahore.
- xvi. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D.
- xvii. The Deputy Director (Field), EPA, Lahore.
- xviii. Ms. Fareeha, Focal Person for Fugitive Dust, EPA, Punjab for conduction capacity building sessions of said team, in coordination with Deputy Commissioner, Lahore.
- xix. PA to Director General EPA Punjab.