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Subject: Periodic detailed inspection of recyclers and actual users of hazardous waste.

The Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 (HOWM Rules, 2016) provide for environmentally sound management, recycling, recovery and utilization of hazardous waste. Rule 9 of the said Rules provides for utilization of hazardous waste in accordance with the applicable Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) or guidelines issued by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

CPCB has issued various waste-specific SOPs and guidelines prescribing requirements relating to the recycling/utilization process, minimal requisite facilities, pollution control measures, environmental safeguards, record keeping, monitoring, end use of manufactured product etc. Compliance with these requirements is required to be ensured on a continuing basis during operation of the facility.

Therefore, all Regional Offices are hereby instructed to carry out a detailed inspection at least once in every six months to ensure that recyclers of hazardous waste and actual users authorized for utilization of hazardous waste under Rule 9 of the HOWM Rules, 2016, comply with the applicable CPCB SOPs/guidelines and the conditions stipulated in their authorizations on a continuing basis.

The detailed inspection shall specifically cover following:

1. compliance with the applicable CPCB SOP or guideline, including the prescribed minimal requisite facilities;
2. compliance with the conditions stipulated in the authorization and other applicable permissions;
3. verification of the authorized source, category and quantity of hazardous waste received and recycled/utilized;
4. reconciliation of hazardous waste received and consumed with the quantity of product/output and residues generated;
5. adequacy and actual operation of process equipment, storage facilities, pollution control systems and prescribed environmental safeguards;
6. compliance with product specifications, restrictions on end use and monitoring requirements, wherever prescribed; and
7. proper management and disposal of residues and other wastes generated from the recycling or utilization activity.

The above detailed inspection may be integrated with the routine inspection scheduled during the relevant six-month period, provided that compliance with all applicable requirements of the CPCB SOP/guideline and authorization conditions is specifically verified and recorded in the inspection report. Wherever a more stringent monitoring or inspection frequency is prescribed under any applicable SOP, guideline, authorization condition or instruction issued by CPCB or the Board, the same shall continue to apply.

This is issued after the approval of the competent authority.

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