



Haryana Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board
Bays 29-30, Pocket II, 2nd floor Sector-4, Panchkula
Phone No:-0172-2560084

From

Labour Commissioner,
Labour Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.

To

All Establishments/Employers engaged in
Building & Other Construction Works in
NCR Districts of Haryana

Memo No:- 11912

Dated: 09/12/24

Subject: Compliance with Orders of CAQM on 5.12.2024 & directions under GRAP stage I & II regarding.

This is in reference to the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Case No. WP 13029/1985 dated 05.12.2024, concerning the implementation of directions under Graded Response Action Plan stage I & II (GRAP I & II) and revocation of actions under Stage IV (Severe+ Air Quality) and Stage III (Severe Air Quality) in the Delhi-NCR region. 14 Nos districts of Haryana fall under the National Capital Region (NCR).

Under Stage -I & II all Boc Employers & Establishments should follow the directions of CAQM issued vide 120017/27/GRAP/2021/1066-DT & 1626-1780 dated 21.10.2024 & 14.10.2024 which includes:

- a. Ensure proper implementation of directions/ Rules/ Guidelines on dust mitigation measures in Construction and Demolition (C&D) activities and sound environmental management of C&D waste.
- b. Ensure strict compliance of Direction Nos. IL-18 dated 11.06.2021 and do not permit C&D activities in respect of such project with plot size equal to or more than 500 sqm which are not registered on the web portal of the respective state / GNCTI and /or which do not fulfil the other requirements as per above noted statutory directions, for remote monitoring of dust mitigation measures.
- c. Ensure regular lifting of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste, and Hazardous wastes from dedicated dump sites and ensure that no waste is dumped illegally in open land areas.
- d. Ensure that C&D material & waste are properly stored /contained, duly covered in the premises. Ensure transportation of C&D materials and C&D waste only through covered vehicles.
- e. Strict enforcement of statutory directions and yardsticks for use of anti-smog guns at C&D sites, in proportion to the total area of construction for the project.



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- f. Strict vigil to ensure that there are no burning incidents in landfill sites/ dumpsites.
- g. Ensure that only approved fuels are used by the industries in NCR including brick Klins and hot mix plants.
- h. Ensure water sprinkling along with use of dust suppressants (at least every alternate day, during non-peak hours) on roads to arrest road dust especially at hotspots, heavy traffic corridors, vulnerable areas and proper disposal of dust collected in designated sites / landfills.
- i. Intensify inspections for strict enforcement of dust control measures at C&D (Construction & Demolition) sites.
- j. Strict Implementation of schedule for regulated operations of DG sets across all sectors in NCR including industrial, commercial, residential etc. in accordance with CAQM direction no. 76 dated 29.09.2023.

The Hon'ble Apex Court has also emphasized the need for welfare measures to support the affected Building and Other Construction (BoC) Workers during GRAP IV implementations in Delhi-NCR.

Mandatory Compliance Obligations

1. Provision of Canteen Facilities (Rule 37): Employers engaging 250 or more building workers must provide adequate canteen facilities for their workers.
2. Provision of Accommodation (Section 34, BOCW RE&CS Act, 1996): Employers are required to provide temporary accommodation free of charge within or near the worksite during the employment period. These accommodations must include basic amenities such as washrooms, cooking areas, washing spaces, and lavatory facilities.

Additional Measures as Directed by the Hon'ble Apex Court, CAQM, and State Government

- a. Employers are urged to continue canteen services & temporary accommodation services for the welfare of BoC workers affected by the construction ban. Employers should ensure to use only fuels (in Canteens/Community Kitchens) permitted by CAQM i.e. LPG/PNG etc
- b. Considering the harsh winter season, employers must provide heaters, hot water and/or warming accessories in transit/temporary accommodations at worksites for BoC workers.
- c. To ensure worker safety and reduce pollution, provide electric heaters and warming accessories to staff involved in security, sanitation, horticulture, and other services to avoid open burning of biomass/MSW during winters.



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Sensitization of BoC Workers regarding Subsistence Allowance

The State Government, through Haryana Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (HBOCWWB), is providing subsistence allowance to affected workers during the GRAP IV implementation period in NCR districts. Employers are urged to inform and encourage eligible workers to apply for the scheme. The scheme applications are being accepted online at www.hrylabour.gov.in.

Joint Director, IS&H (HQ)
for Labour Commissioner, Labour Department

Encl.: CAQM Letter 120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM-1159, 1066 & 1626-1780 dated
5.12.2024, 21.10.2024 & 14.10.2024.

Endst. No. HBOCWWB/2024/

Dated:

A copy of above is forwarded to following officers (In field) for strict compliance in their areas of jurisdiction: -

1. All Joint Directors, Industrial Safety & Health
2. All Deputy Directors, Industrial Safety & Health.
3. All Assistant Directors, Industrial Safety & Health.
4. All Assistant Directors, Industrial Health.
5. All Assistant Directors, Industrial Safety & Health (Chemical).
6. IT, Programmer to upload on official website.

Joint Director, IS&H (HQ)
for Labour Commissioner, Labour Department



No.120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM / 1626-1780

14th October, 2024

ORDER

Sub.: Implementation of Actions under Stage-I ('Poor' Air Quality) of revised Graded Response Action Plan in Delhi-NCR - steps to be taken.

The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and adjoining areas, vide Direction No. 83 dated 17th September 2024, issued statutory direction for implementation of the revised schedule of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), available on the CAQM website (caqm.nic.in), as and when ordered for by the Commission.

The Sub-Committee constituted for invoking actions under the GRAP in its meeting held on 14.10.2024 comprehensively reviewed the air quality scenario in the region as well as the forecasts for meteorological conditions and Air Quality Index (AQI) made available by IMD/IITM.

There has been a sudden dip in air quality parameters in the last 24 hrs in the region which led to the AQI for Delhi moving into the "POOR" category and the forecasts also predict air quality to mainly remain in "Poor" category in coming days owing to the unfavorable meteorological condition. Therefore, the Sub-Committee decided that **ALL actions** as envisaged **under Stage I of the GRAP - 'Poor' Air Quality (DELHI AQI ranging between 201-300)**, be implemented in right earnest by all the agencies concerned, **from 8:00 A.M. of 15.10.2024 in the NCR.**

These include:

1. Ensure proper implementation of Directions/Rules/Guidelines on dust mitigation measures in Construction and Demolition (C&D) activities and sound environmental management of C&D waste.
2. Ensure strict compliance of Direction Nos. 11-18 dated 11.06.2021 and do not permit C&D activities in respect of such projects with plot size equal to or more than 500 sqm which are not registered on the 'web portal' of the respective state / GNCTD and /or which do not fulfil the other requirements as per above noted statutory directions, for remote monitoring of dust mitigation measures.
3. Ensure regular lifting of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste, and Hazardous wastes from dedicated dump sites and ensure that no waste is dumped illegally in open land areas.


4. Carry out periodic mechanized sweeping and water sprinkling on roads and ensure scientific disposal of the dust collected in designated sites/landfills.
5. Ensure that C&D materials & waste are properly stored/ contained, duly covered in the premises. Ensure transportation of C&D materials and C&D waste only through covered vehicles.
6. Strictly enforce the statutory directions and yardsticks for use of anti-smog guns at C&D sites, in proportion to the total area of construction for the project.
7. Intensify use of anti-smog guns, water sprinkling and dust suppression measures in road construction / widening/ repair projects and maintenance activities.
8. Stringently enforce prohibition on open burning of biomass and municipal solid waste. Impose maximum EC upon violations in accordance with Hon'ble NGT's orders dated 04.12.2014 and 28.04.2015 in OA 21/2014.
9. Strict vigil to ensure that there are no burning incidents in the landfill sites / dumpsites.
10. Deploy traffic police for smooth traffic flow at all identified corridors with heavy traffic and congestion prone intersections.
11. Strict vigilance and enforcement of PUC norms for vehicles.
12. No tolerance for visible emissions - Stop visibly polluting vehicles by impounding and / or levying maximum penalty.
13. Strictly enforce the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on diversion of non-destined truck traffic for Delhi, through Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressways.
14. Strictly enforce NGT / Hon'ble SC's order on overaged diesel / petrol vehicles and as per extant statutes.
15. Ensure strict penal/ legal action against non-compliant and illegal industrial units.
16. Stringently enforce all pollution control regulations in Industries, brick kilns and hot mix plants etc. - strict compliance of the prescribed standards of emissions.
17. Ensure that only approved fuels are used by the industries in NCR including in brick kilns and hot mix plants and enforce closure in case of violations, if any.
18. Stringently enforce emission norms in thermal power plants and strict actions be taken against non-compliance.



19. Strictly enforce Hon'ble Courts/Tribunal orders regarding ban on fire crackers.
20. Ensure regular lifting and proper disposal of industrial waste from industrial and non-development areas.
21. DISCOMs to minimise power supply interruptions in NCR.
22. Ensure that diesel generator sets are not used as regular source of power supply.
23. Strictly enforce the extant ban on coal / firewood as fuel in Tandoors in Hotels, Restaurants and open cateries.
24. Ensure hotels, restaurants and open cateries use only electricity /gas based / clean fuel-based appliances.
25. Information dissemination including through social media and bulk SMS etc. Mobile Apps to be used to inform people about the pollution levels, contact details of control room, enable them to report polluting activities / sources to the concerned authorities and inform them about actions that would be taken by Government.
26. Ensure quick actions for redressal of complaints on 311 APP, Green Delhi App, SAMEER App and other such social media platforms to curb polluting activities.
27. Encourage offices to start unified commute for employees to reduce traffic on road.

Further, citizens may be urged to adhere to the citizen charter and assist in effective implementation of the GRAP measures aimed towards sustaining and improving the Air Quality in the region, as under:

- Keep engines of your vehicles properly tuned.
- Maintain proper tyre pressure in vehicles.
- Keep PUC certificates of your vehicles up to date.
- Do not idle your vehicle, also turn off the engine at red lights.
- Prefer hybrid vehicles or EVs to control vehicular pollution.
- Do not litter / dispose wastes, garbage in open spaces.
- Report air polluting activities through 311 App, Green Delhi App, SAMEER App etc.
- Plant more trees.
- Celebrate festivals in an eco-friendly manner – avoid firecrackers.
- Do not drive/ply end of life/ 10/15 years old Diesel/Petrol vehicles.


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 Director (Technical)

(Member Convener of Sub-Committee on GRAP)



सत्यमेव जयते

राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र और निकटवर्ती क्षेत्र
वायु गुणवत्ता प्रबंधन आयोग
Commission for Air Quality Management in
National Capital Region and
Adjoining Areas



No.120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM-1159(67)

5th December, 2024

ORDER

Sub.: Revocation of actions under Stage IV ('Severe+' Air Quality) and Stage III ('Severe' Air Quality) of GRAP and intensifying actions under Stage-I & II of revised Graded Response Action Plan.

The Sub-Committee for invoking actions under GRAP in its earlier meetings had invoked actions under Stage I, Stage II, Stage III and Stage IV of the GRAP on dated 14.10.2024, 21.10.2024, 14.11.2024 and 17.11.2024 respectively.

2. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its Order dated 18.11.2024 in Writ Petition No. 13029/1985 (M.C. Mehta Vs Union of India) observed that till the Supreme Court passes further orders, the implementation of Stage-IV of GRAP will continue even if AQI drops below 450.

3. Further, Hon'ble Supreme court in its hearing on 05.12.2024, based on the air quality data placed before the Hon'ble SC, *inter-alia* observed and permitted the Commission to revoke Stage-IV but not to go below Stage-II of GRAP for the present.

4. The sub-Committee on GRAP, accordingly, in its meeting held on 5th December, 2024 further reviewed the air quality scenario in the region as well as the IMD/IITM forecasts and observed as under:

AQI of Delhi has continuously improved since 24.11.2024 and has been recorded as 165 ("Moderate") on 05.12.2024 at 4:00 PM, which is about 135 AQI points below the thresholds for invoking Stage-II (Delhi AQI 300-400).

As per the Air Quality & Weather forecast provided by IMD/IITM, there is a likelihood of AQI mainly to remain in "poor" category in the coming days.

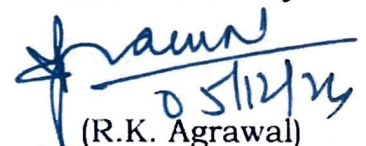
5. The Sub-Committee, accordingly, hereby decides to revoke with immediate effect, its orders dated 17.11.2024 and 14.11.2024 respectively, for invoking actions under Stage-IV ('Severe+' Air Quality) and Stage-III ('Severe' Air Quality) of the GRAP.

6. Actions under Stage-I & II of the GRAP shall however remain invoked and be implemented, monitored and reviewed by all the agencies concerned in the entire NCR to ensure that the AQI levels do not slip further. All implementing agencies shall keep strict vigil and especially intensify measures under Stage-I & II of GRAP.

7. Construction & Demolition project sites and industrial units which have been issued specific closure orders on account of violations/ non-compliances of various statutory directions, rules, guidelines etc. under no circumstances shall resume their operations without any specific order to this effect from the Commission.

8. While GRAP Stage-IV & III are being revoked, keeping in view the winter season when weather conditions may not be always favorable and in order to ensure that the AQI levels do not slip further, citizens are requested to strictly adhere to the citizen charter.

9. The Sub-Committee, shall be keeping a close watch on the air quality scenario and review the situation from time to time for further appropriate decision depending upon the Air Quality in Delhi and forecast made by IMD/IITM.


(R.K. Agrawal)
Director (Technical)

(Member Convenor of Sub-Committee on GRAP)

To:

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, 101, Lok Bhawan, U. P. Civil Secretariat, Vidhan Sabha Marg, Lucknow - 226 001.
2. The Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Government Secretariat, Jaipur, Rajasthan - 302 005.
3. The Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana, 4th Floor, Civil Secretariat, Sector - 1, Chandigarh.
4. The Chief Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi, 3rd Floor, Delhi Secretariat, I. P. Estate, New Delhi - 110 002.
5. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Uttar Pradesh.
6. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment, Room No. 335, 3rd Floor, Haryana New Secretariat, Sector 17, Chandigarh.
7. Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of NCT of Delhi, Room No. 801, 8th Floor, B Wing, Delhi Secretariat, Delhi - 110002.
8. Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Room No. 4224, 2nd Floor, Main Building, Government of Rajasthan Sectt. Jaipur.



No.120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM - 1066 DT.

October 21, 2024

ORDER

Sub.: Implementation of Actions under Stage-II ('Very Poor' Air Quality) of revised Graded Response Action Plan in Delhi-NCR- steps to be taken.

The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and adjoining areas, vide Direction No. 83 dated 17th September, 2024, issued statutory direction for implementation of the revised schedule of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), available on the CAQM website (caqm.nic.in), as and when orders under GRAP are invoked.

The Sub-Committee constituted for invoking actions under the GRAP in its meeting held on 21st October, 2024 comprehensively reviewed the air quality scenario in the region as well as the forecasts for meteorological conditions and air quality index of Delhi made available by IMD/IITM. The AQI of Delhi since morning has been hovering around 300 and at 4:00 P.M. it has been recorded as 310.

Forecasts from IMD/IITM also indicate a likelihood of the AQI of Delhi to particularly remain in "VERY POOR" category (DELHI AQI- 301-400) in the coming days, owing to unfavorable meteorological & climatic conditions and calm winds.

Therefore, in an effort to prevent further deterioration of the air quality, the Sub-Committee decided that **ALL actions** as envisaged **under Stage II of the GRAP -'Very Poor' Air Quality (DELHI AQI ranging between 301-400)** be implemented in right earnest by all the agencies concerned in the NCR, **in addition to the Stage-I actions already in force, from 8:00 A.M. of 22.10.2024 in the National Capital Region (NCR).**

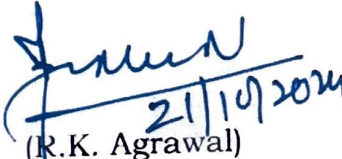
These include:

1. Carry out mechanical/ vacuum sweeping and water sprinkling of the identified roads on a daily basis.
2. Ensure water sprinkling along with use of dust suppressants (at least every alternate day, during non-peak hours) on roads to arrest road dust especially at hotspots, heavy traffic corridors, vulnerable areas and proper disposal of dust collected in designated sites/landfills.
3. Intensify inspections for strict enforcement of dust control measures at C&D sites.

4. Ensure focussed and targeted action for abatement of air pollution in all identified hotspots in NCR. Intensify remedial measures for the predominant sector(s) contributing to adverse air quality in each of such hotspots.
5. Ensure uninterrupted power supply to discourage use of alternate power Generating sets/ equipment (DG sets etc.).
6. Strictly implement the Schedule for regulated operations of DG sets across all sectors in the NCR including Industrial, Commercial, Residential etc. in accordance with Direction No. 76 dated 29.09.2023.
7. Synchronize traffic movements and deploy adequate personnel at intersections / traffic congestion points for smooth flow of traffic.
8. Alert in newspapers / TV / radio to advise people about air pollution levels and Do's and Don'ts for minimizing polluting activities.
9. Enhance vehicle parking fees to discourage private transport.
10. Augment CNG/ electric bus and metro services by inducting additional fleet and increasing the frequency of service.
11. Resident Welfare Associations to necessarily provide electric heaters to security staff to avoid open Bio-Mass/ MSW burning during winters.

Further, citizens may be urged to adhere to the citizen charter and assist in effective implementation of the GRAP measures aimed towards sustaining and improving the Air Quality in the Region, as under:

- People to use public transport and minimize use of personal vehicles.
- Use technology, take less congested route even if slightly longer.
- Regularly replace air filters at recommended intervals in your automobiles.
- Avoid dust generating construction activities during months of October to January.
- Avoid open burning of solid waste and bio-mass.


21/10/2024

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