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Commission for Air Quality Management in
National Capital Region and
Adjoining Areas



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ORDER

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

The Sub-Committee for invoking actions under the GRAP in its earlier meetings had invoked actions under Stage I and Stage II of the GRAP on October 5, 2022 and October 19, 2022 respectively.

The sub-Committee in its meeting held on October 29, 2022 further reviewed the air quality scenario in the region as well as the forecasts for meteorological conditions and air quality index of Delhi.

As per the forecast, the AQI in Delhi is likely to be in 'Severe' category in coming days owing to calm wind and stable atmospheric conditions. Therefore, in an effort to prevent further deterioration of the air quality, the sub-committee decided that **ALL actions** as envisaged **under Stage III of the GRAP - 'Severe' Air Quality (DELHI AQI ranging between 401-450)**, be implemented in right earnest by all the agencies concerned, with immediate effect in the NCR, **in addition to all action under Stage I and Stage II of the GRAP.**

These include:

1. Further intensify the frequency of mechanized / vacuum-based sweeping of roads.
2. Ensure daily water sprinkling along with use of dust suppressants, before peak traffic hours, on roads and right of ways including hotspots, heavy traffic corridors and proper disposal of the collected dust in designated sites/ landfills.
3. Further intensify public transport services. Introduce differential rates to encourage off peak travel.
4. Construction & Demolition activities:
 - (i). Enforce strict ban on construction and demolition activities in the entire NCR, except for the following categories of projects:
 - a) Railway services/Railway stations
 - b) Metro Rail Services including stations.
 - c) Airports and Inter State Bus Terminals.
 - d) National security/ defence related activities/ projects of national importance;
 - e) Hospitals/ health care facilities.
 - f) Linear public projects such as highways, roads, flyovers, over bridges, power transmission, pipelines etc.

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- g) Sanitation projects like sewage treatment plants and water supply projects etc.;
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(ii). Other than the projects exempted under (i) above, dust generating/ air pollution causing C&D activities to be strictly banned during this period shall include:

- Earthwork for excavation and filling including boring & drilling works.
- All structural construction works including fabrication and welding operations.
- Demolition works.
- Loading & unloading of construction materials anywhere within or outside the project sites.
- Transfer of raw materials either manually or through conveyor belts, including fly ash.
- Movement of vehicles on unpaved roads.
- Operation of batching plant.
- Laying of sewer line, waterline, drainage work and electric cabling by open trench system.
- Cutting and fixing of tiles, stones and other flooring materials.
- Grinding activities.
- Piling work.
- Water Proofing work.
- Road construction/ repair works including paving of sidewalks / pathways and central verges etc.

(iii). For all construction projects in NCR, non-polluting / non-dust generating activities such as plumbing works, interior decoration, electrical works and carpentry related works shall be permitted to be continued.

5. Industrial operations

(a) For industrial areas having PNG infrastructure and supply:

Strictly enforce closure / ban on such industries/ operations not running on fuels as in the standard list of approved fuels for NCR.

(b) For industrial areas not having PNG infrastructure and supply:

Regulate operations of such industries not using any of the fuels as per the standard list of approved fuels for NCR, to operate only for maximum 5 days a week as under (till 31.12.2022):

- i. Paper and pulp processing, distilleries and captive thermal power plants – to remain inoperative on Saturdays and Sundays.
- ii. Paddy / rice processing units – to remain inoperative on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- iii. Textile/ garments and apparels including dyeing processes – to remain inoperative on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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- iv. Other industries not falling in the above noted categories – to remain inoperative on Fridays and Saturdays.

(c) With effect from 01.01.2023, strictly enforce closure/ ban in the entire NCR, on such industries/ operations not running on fuels, as in the standard list of approved fuels for NCR.

Note: Milk & dairy units and those involved in manufacturing of life saving medical equipment / devices, drugs and medicines shall, however be exempted from the above restrictions.

6. Close brick kilns, hot mix plants which are not operating on fuels, as in the standard list of approved fuels for NCR.
7. Close down operations of stone crushers.
8. Ban / Close down mining and associated activities in the NCR.
9. State Governments in NCR/ GNCTD may impose restrictions on BS III petrol and BS IV diesel LMVs (4 wheelers).

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:

- Choose a cleaner commute - share a ride to work or use public transport or walk or cycle.
- People, whose positions allow working from home, may work from home.
- Do not use coal and wood for heating purpose.
- Individual house owners may provide electric heaters (during winters) to security staff to avoid open burning.
- Combine errands and reduce trips. Walk to errands wherever possible.

All implementing agencies are advised that actions under **Stage 'I'** and **Stage 'II'** of the GRAP are further intensified and special drives are conducted for implementation of actions under **Stage 'III'**, particularly restrictions related to Construction & Demolition activities, stone crushers and mining and associated activities. Regulatory actions need to be taken on Industrial operations, brick kilns, hot mix plants using non-approved fuels.

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