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CIRCULAR

Sub: Proposals for environment clearance for the projects located in the Critically Polluted Areas as identified by the Central Pollution Control Board- reg

The Ministry of Environment and Forests has been receiving a number of proposals for environmental clearance as per the procedure laid in the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 regarding the new units/modernization/expansion located in the critically polluted areas.

2. The Central Pollution Control Board has so far identified 24 critically polluted areas in the country. Since the area is already critically polluted, setting up of new units may further add to the pollution load. In order to have better perspective of pollution load in the critically polluted areas, it has now been decided that the concerned State Pollution Control Board should either send its representative at the time of consideration of proposal by the sector specific Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) constituted by the Ministry, at the stage of appraisal of the project for prescribing Terms of Reference (TOR) or consideration of EC; or provide their written comments with respect to pollution load in terms of ambient air quality, water quality or solid/hazardous waste management. For this purpose, the project proponent located in the critically polluted areas shall make available a copy of their application for the TORs to the concerned State Pollution Control Board.

3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully


(Dr. P.L. Ahujarai)
Director

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