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Karnataka State Pollution Control Board

“ಪರಿಸರ ಭವನ”, 1 ರಿಂದ 5ನೇ ಮಹಡಿಗಳು, ನಂ. 49, ಚರ್ಚ್ ಸ್ಟ್ರೀಟ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 560 001, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ, ಭಾರತ
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No.KSPCB/AQMC/CEO/2021 / 4606

Dated:

20 JAN 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Monitoring of effluents, emissions, water quality etc through EPA approved Laboratories by Industries and Organizations.

Ref: 1) 192nd Board Meeting held on 25-6-2014.

2) Govt letter No.FEE 17 EPC 2014, Dated: 28-7-2014

3) KSPCB OM No.KSPCB/CEO-AQMC/2014-15/3082, Dated:6-9-2014

4) Board Proceedings vide No.KSPCB/195th BM COC/2015/5637, Dated:19-2-2015.

5) KSPCB OM No.KSPCB/CEO/AQMC/2014-15/6163, Dated:24-3-2015

6) Hon'ble NGT order OA No.209/2017(SZ) Dated:9-10-2020.

7) KSPCB OM No.KSPCB/MS/2020/3663, Dtd:27-11-2020.

8) KSPCB OM No.KSPCB/MS/2020/3664, Dtd:27-11-2020.

The KSPCB in the 192nd Board Meeting held on 25-6-2014, has dispensed with empanelment of Private laboratories. Accordingly, the Memorandum cited at ref(3) was issued. The Board in its 195th meeting held on 24-1-2015 again deliberated on the need of informing the industries to avail the laboratory services from recognized laboratories under the Environment(Protection) Act and accordingly an OM was issued at vide reference(5) for monitoring of effluents, emissions, water quality etc through Private Laboratories by Industries and Organisation.

In the meanwhile, based on the directions of the State Government vide reference(2) the Board has issued Memorandum cancelling the empanelment made earlier vide reference(3) Thereafter the Board has issued the OM granting six months time to the Private NABL accredited laboratories who have been empanelled by Board to obtain accreditation from MoEF & CC.

In this regard, the Hon'ble NGT in OA No.209/2017(SZ) Dtd:9-10-2020 has **quashed** the OM issued by KSPCB extending the time by another 6 months to enable the private laboratories having NABL accreditation to obtain necessary accreditation from the Ministry of Forests, Environment & Climate Change (MoEF &CC) under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Further the Board is also directed to take steps either to establish their own laboratories or give accreditation to those laboratories which are complying with the norms provided by the Central Pollution Control Board and Ministry of Forests, Environment & Climate Change and having accreditation/approval of the MoEF & CC as required under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986.

Henceforth, all the Industries/organization in Karnataka State to get the surface/ground water effluent, emissions, soil etc tested only through the E(P)A recognized/approved laboratories.

However, the samples collected by the Board as per the provisions of Section 21 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 26 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and analysed at the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board's Central Environment Laboratory or Regional Laboratories or by the Government Analyst shall only be admissible in evidence of a legal proceedings.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority viz., Chairman, KSPCB.

Sd/-
Member Secretary.

To,

- 1) All the Concerned.

Copy to:

- 1) CEO-1, CEO-2, CEO-3 for information.
- 2) RSEO's and SEO's of Board for information.
- 3) All EO's and RO's for information.
- 4) CSO-1 and CSO-2 for information.
- 5) Chief Administrative Officer for information.
- 6) Chief Finance Officer for information.
- 7) Legal officer, KSPCB for information.
- 8) TO to Hon'ble Chairman for information.
- 9) EO(E-Governance) for information and to publish in the website.
- 10) Notice Board.


Member Secretary.