## **Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board**

Forests & Environment Department, Government of Meghalaya 'ARDEN' Lumpyngngad, Shillong - 793014 Website: http://megspcb.gov.in



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Dated, Shillong the 24th July, 2025

## **CIRCULAR**

In pursuance of the recommendations under the **Ease of Doing Business** initiative regarding Compliance Reduction and Deregulation 2025, the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB) hereby notifies the following:

For cases involving grant of Consent to Establish (CTE), Consent to Operate (CTO), or renewal of the same under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, industries may submit third party certification for water/air quality monitoring reports and environmental statement audit reports certified by empanelled Third Party Environmental Laboratories and Environmental Auditors.

Such auditors must be accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET) under the Quality Council of India (QCI) and duly empanelled by the MSPCB

MSPCB has recognized three private laboratories (https://megspcb.gov.in/lab\_recognized.html) for third-party monitoring of Air, Water, and Noise parameters namely:

- 1. ABNS Scientific Services Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati
- 2. Mitra S.K. Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati
- 3. Envirocon, Digboi

Simultaneously, MSPCB has also recognized Environmental Auditors under provisions of Rule 14 of the Environment (Protection) Rules 1986. They are

- 1. ABNS Scientific Services Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati, Assam
- 2. M/S Enviro Infra Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Uttar Pradesh

The role and responsibility shall be prescribed by the MSPCB from time to time. However, these auditors shall submit an audit report, which is consistent with the inspection report form at prescribed by MSPCB, and the inspections carried out in accordance with the guidelines issued by MSPCB from time to time, and should address the following details:

- a. Whether the industry has put in place necessary pollution control equipment, effluent treatment systems, which are adequate to meet statutory norms for emissions and effluents, if no, the extent of deviation from the norms;
- b. Whether the industry has complied with the conditions of the Consent to Operate issued by OSPCB under the Water (prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, and Air (prevention and Control of Pollution) Act1981.
- c. Whether the solid-waste management practice adopted by the industry is environmentally sound and the activities of sound management is properly documented.

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- 3. It shall be open to the auditors to make such recommendation as they may think fit for improvement of the existing environmental management system. The audit report submitted by the auditors shall be examined by the MSPCB (as the case may be) for taking an appropriate decision, but such recommendation shall not be binding on the MSPCB in any manner.
- 4. In the case it is found by the MSPCB that, an auditor has submitted a false report, the fact shall be brought to the notice of the unit head of the industry, then the empanelment of the concerned auditor may be suspended, and steps may be taken for black-listing the auditor after due process of investigation by an expert committee constituted by MSPCB in this regard.
- 5. This order is in addition to, and, not in derogation of the powers vested with the MSPCB under the provision of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 relating to various enactments and rules relating to prevention and control of pollution and protection of environment. This order is also without prejudice to any action that may be taken against any industrial unit by the MSPCB.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect.

(Dr. G.H. CHYRMANG, MFS) MEMBER SECRETARY

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Memo No. MPCB/TB-GEN-148(Vol-III)/2025/2025-2026/49-A Dated, Shillong the 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 Copy to:

1. The Chairman, MSPCB, Shillong for kind information

2. The Sr. Scientist, MSPCB, Shillong for kind information and necessary action

3. The Sr. Environmental Engineer I & II, MSPCB for kind information and necessary action

4. The Environmental Engineer I, II, III & IV, MSPCB for kind information and necessary action

5. The Assistant Environmental Engineer I, II, III, IV, V & VI, MSPCB for kind information and necessary action

6. The Assistant Programmer, MSPCB. You are instructed to upload this circular on the Board's website.

MEMBER SECRETARY