



Pollution Control Board, Assam
(Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Assam)

অসম প্ৰদূষণ নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ পৰিষদ

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No.PCBA/T-387/23-24/08

Dated Guwahati, the 22nd Nov, 2023

NOTICE

Sub: Standard Operating Procedure (SoP)/Environmental safeguards issued for (i) Extraction or sourcing or borrowing of ordinary earth for the linear projects such as roads, pipelines, etc. and (ii) dredging and de-silting of dams, reservoirs, weirs, barrages, rivers and canals for the purpose of their maintenance, upkeep and disaster management – reg.

In pursuance to the order dated 28/10/2020 of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench in Original Application No. 190/2020 in the matter of Noble M. Paikada Vs. Union of India & Ors, the MoEF&CC issued Office Memoranda of even number dated 8/8/2020 and 12/07/2023 regarding the Standard Operating Procedure (SoP)/ environmental safeguards to be followed by project proponents undertaking the activities as stated hereunder:

- (i) Extraction or sourcing or borrowing of ordinary earth for the linear projects such as roads, pipelines, etc. and;
- (ii) Dredging and de-silting of dams, reservoirs, weirs, barrages, rivers and canals for the purpose of their maintenance, upkeep and disaster management.

In this regard, all the project proponents carrying out the aforementioned activities within the state of Assam are hereby directed to initiate necessary steps for achieving compliance with the SoP/environmental safeguards notified by Ministry of Environment and Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India. Further, a detailed compliance report pertaining to such activities and environmental safeguards being observed by them shall be submitted to the Board at least 15 (fifteen) days before commencement of the project.

In case of any violation in this regard the Board shall be constrained to withdraw CTE/CTO granted by the Board and subsequently initiate legal action as per relevant provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Copies of the office memoranda as referred above have been uploaded in the Board's website (https://pcbassam.org/notification_archive.php) for necessary references.

(Shantanu Kr. Dutta)
Member Secretary

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1. Mr. Sundar Ramanathan, Scientist 'E', MoEF&CC (IA Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003.
2. All Regional Heads, PCBA – for information; requested to prepare an inventory of such activities being carried out in the region under respective jurisdiction and ensure necessary compliances.
3. The IT section, Pollution Control Board, Assam for uploading in the Board's Website.

(Shantanu Kr. Dutta)
Member Secretary