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Dated: 28th November, 2022

To,

नत्यमेव जयते

- The Member Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Building.No. TC-12V Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar Lucknow-226 010.
- The Member Secretary, Haryana State Pollution Control Board C-11, Sector -6, Panchkula Haryana – 134109.
- The Member Secretary Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board Jhalana Doongri, Jaipur Rajasthan – 302004.

Subject: Use of only approved fuels by brick kilns operating in NCR -Compliance of Direction No. 65 - reg.

Sir,

The Commission vide Direction No.-65, dated 23.06.2022 *inter-alia* has directed for strict implementation of a standard list of approved fuels for NCR including fuels for various applications such as industry, vehicular / transport, commercial, household and other misc. applications. The focus of the Direction is towards use of clean fuels like electricity, PNG/CNG/natural gas etc. in the entire NCR, besides biomass-based fuels and LSHS family fuels etc. only beyond the jurisdiction of NCT of Delhi, in the NCR.

2. Needless to emphasize, the standard list of approved fuels referred to above is as applicable to the brick kilns operating in the region as for any other industrial application. It is however, noted with concern that, while most of the brick kilns are traditionally not operative in winters, some of these have not yet made arrangements to switch over to and of the fuels as per the approved fuel list and still also rely on use of coal for their operations.

3. In this context, the Flying Squads constituted by the Commission inspected the brick manufacturing units of M/s Aarna Brick Field and M/s Sunny Bricks Field in UP (NCR) on 06.11.2022 and 15.11.2022 respectively.

17 वी मंजिल, जवाहर व्यापार भवन (एस. टी.सी. बिल्डिंग), टॉलस्टॉय मार्ग, नई दिल्ली-110001 दूरभाष : 011-23701213, ई -मेल : caqm-ncr@gov.in 17th Floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan (STC Building), Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi-110001 Tel:011-23701213, E-mail: caqm-ncr@gov.in Though the said units were found non-operational during the inspections, it was noted during the inspections that these two units had large quantities of unapproved fuels like black carbon stocked in their premises, for an evident possible use in near future, whenever the brick kilns generally start operating around February-March. Such a situation is likely for brick kilns operating in other areas of NCR as well.

4. It needs to be adequately disseminated to the Brick kiln Associations and related stakeholders that only fuels amongst the approved fuel list are permitted to be used even in the brick kilns, also duly adopting all pollution control measures and adhering to the prescribed emission standards.

5. The pollution control boards are accordingly requested for a strict vigil on brick kilns to ensure use of only approved fuels whenever the brick kilns are operated. This may be given wide publicity and enforced strictly by all concerned, non-compliance of which shall be construed as contravention of the provisions of Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act 2021 and may lead to penal action under the relevant laws as well as imposition and levying of environmental compensation charges.

Yours faithfully,

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