

RSPCB NEWSLETTER

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Foreword



Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board is entrusted with duties to enforce provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 , Air (Prevention and control of pollution) Act, 1981, Authorization under the Hazardous Waste Management, Handling and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2016, Authorization under the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules,2016 and Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.

I am pleased to present the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board Newsletter (September, 2019 to August, 2020) which envisages recent important policy interventions taken by the Board to streamline disposal of consent applications received in the Board and provide an easy platform to the industries for ease of doing business.

The Board has also carried out various trainings, workshops, orientation programmes, awareness campaigns and stakeholder meetings during this period. This newsletter throws a glimpse of all the activities carried by the Board from September, 2019 to August, 2020.

(Pawan Kumar Goyal)
Chairperson

Important Policy Decisions

(Sept, 2019 to Aug, 2020)

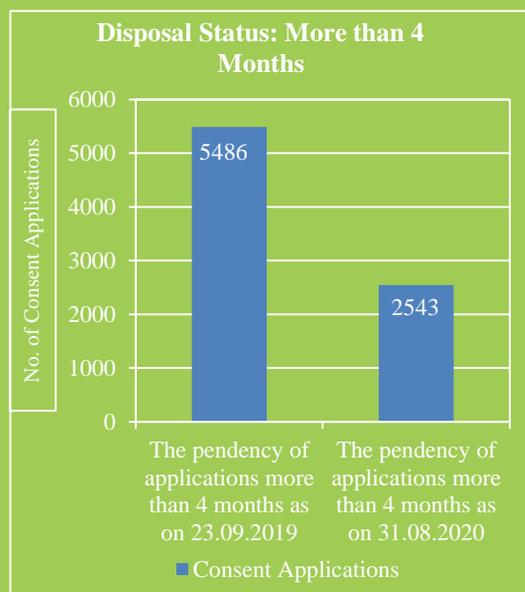
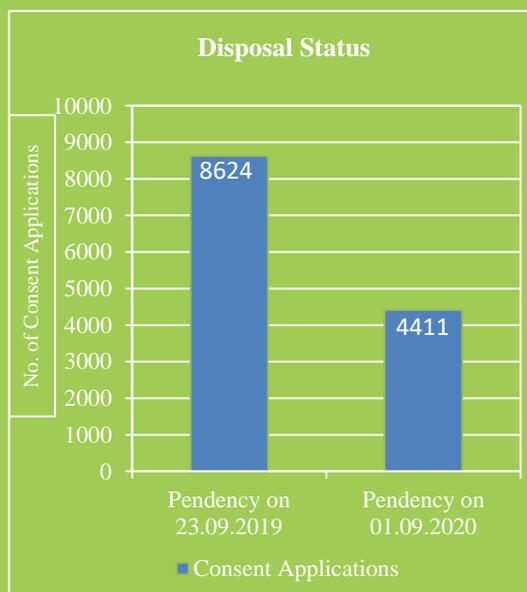
- Exemption to all Health care facilities (HCFs) from requirement to deposit 'back period fee' in addition to prescribed fee (till 31.12.2020).
- Organized "Stakeholders seminars" on 17.02.2020 & 18.02.2020 under chairmanship of Chairperson for prominent industrial sectors like Cement, Textile, Mines, Stone Crushers etc., to make dialogue with stakeholders.
- Issued clarification that no separate environmental clearance or amendment in EC is required for setting up activities which does not attract the provisions of EIA Notification 2006, in the premises of project /activities which are operating with prior EC.
- Issued guidelines regarding omissions/ erroneous mention/ typographical errors in some environmental clearances issued to mining leases by SEIAA or DEIAA (Erstwhile).
- Issued guidelines regarding one time violation of EIA notification, 2006 and to decide pending consent applications after violation.
- Guidelines for the Hot Mix plants (temporary & permanent type), to ensure expeditious disposal of pending consent applications of such units.
- Revised categorization for Red, Orange & Green category industries issued after considering the representations received from various industrial sectors and guidelines of CPCB.
- Permission to grant CTE to stand alone industrial units in Balotra in accordance with State Board guidelines for establishment of captive ETP & recycling plant.

Disposal Status of Consent Applications

(23.09.2019 to 31.08.2020)

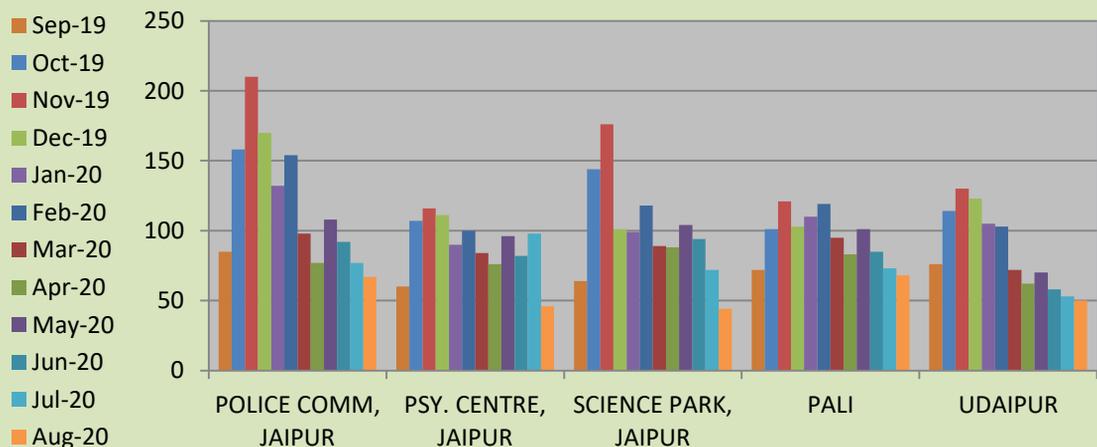
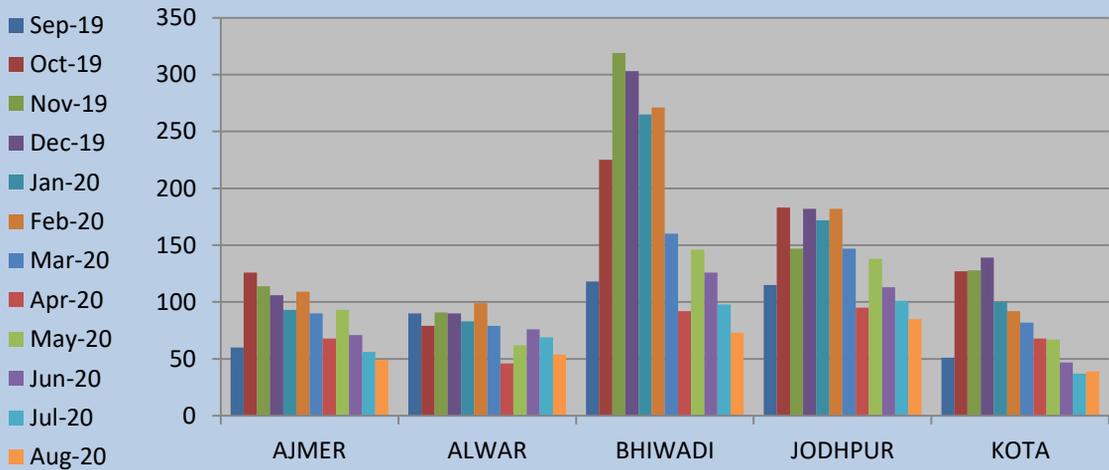
- Due to various policy decisions and continuous monitoring the total pendency has reduced to 4411 from pendency of 8624 as on 23.09.2019.
- The total reduction in pendency is 49 %
- The pendency of applications more than 4 months have also reduced from 5486 as on 23.09.2019 to 2543 at present (reduction of 54 %)

Pendency on 23.09.2019	Applications received during 23.09.2019 to 31.08.2020	Total Applications	Applications disposed during 23.09.2019 to 31.08.2020	Pendency on 01.09.2020
8624	10717	19341	14930	4411



Air Quality Index in Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations in Rajasthan

Monitoring Location	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20
AJMER	60	126	114	106	93	109	90	68	93	71	56	49
ALWAR	90	79	91	90	83	99	79	46	62	76	69	54
BHIWADI	118	225	319	303	265	271	160	92	146	126	98	73
JODHPUR	115	183	147	182	172	182	147	95	138	113	101	85
KOTA	51	127	128	139	100	92	82	68	67	47	37	39
POLICE COMM JAIPUR	85	158	210	170	132	154	98	77	108	92	77	67
PSY. CENTRE, JAIPUR	60	107	116	111	90	100	84	76	96	82	98	46
SCIENCE PARK, JAIPUR	64	144	176	101	99	118	89	88	104	94	72	44
PALI	72	101	121	103	110	119	95	83	101	85	73	68
UDAIPUR	76	114	130	123	105	103	72	62	70	58	53	50



Study on Impact of Lockdown on Air and Surface Water Quality of Rajasthan

- In order to study the impact of Lockdown due to unprecedented outbreak of COVID-19 on Air and Surface Water Quality of Rajasthan, RSPCB conducted studies on Air and Surface Water Quality of Rajasthan through its network of ten continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations (three stations at Jaipur and one station each at Alwar, Ajmer, Bhiwadi, Jodhpur, Kota, Pali & Udaipur) and sixty monitoring stations on surface water bodies (river, canal, lake and dam).
- On comparison of air quality, before and during lockdown the analysis result reveals that the air quality in terms of Air Quality Index has improved at all monitoring stations during lockdown.
- Due to gradual ease in restrictions the air quality has deteriorated at most of the stations in the later stages of Lockdown.
- On comparison of water quality of the canals, dams and rivers of Rajasthan before and during lockdown the analysis results reveals that water quality has improved at most of the locations which may be due to closure of industrial activities, no tourist inflow, almost nil community washing and bathing activities around these water bodies.

Report Source Link –

- <http://environment.rajasthan.gov.in/content/environment/en/rajasthan-state-pollution-control-board/EnvironmentalReport/Reportonambientairqualitydataofrajasthanduringlockdowncovid-19.html#>
- <http://environment.rajasthan.gov.in/content/dam/environment/RPCB/LatestNews/Lockdown%20report%20Surface%20Water%20Quality%20Rajasthan.pdf>

Orientation Programme on control of pollution and Role of Government Agencies on 26th – 27th September, 2019:

• A 2-day “Orientation Programme on control of pollution and Role of Government Agencies” in collaboration with Department of Environment and IIT Bombay was conducted in WSSO Building, Jhalana on 26th – 27th September, 2019. Sh. D.B. Gupta Chief Secretary, Rajasthan honored both the inaugural and the valedictory ceremonies as the Chief Guest. The Orientation Programme was attended by the District Collectors of Rajasthan and their representatives. Eminent Professors from IIT Bombay facilitated the participants throughout the sessions during the 2 days of the programme.



Management Development Programme from November 29 to November 30, 2019 at head office RSPCB, Jaipur:

The Management Development Programme organized on 29-30 November 2019 for the senior and middle-level personnel of Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board had three objectives.

1. To enhance the decisional and managerial competence of the trainee officers.
2. To improve their attitude and behavior pertaining to leadership, motivation, team building and communication and
3. To make them aware of the moral and ethical facets of administration.

The programme was inaugurated by Shri Pawan Kumar Goyal, IAS, Chairman of RSPCB whose inspirational address set the tone for the programme. There were 12 sessions in the programme focusing on Healthy Diet, Pranayam, Yoga, Group Dynamics, Ethics and Morals, Motivation, Excellence, Positive Communication, Senior-Junior Relationship, Team building, Time Management and Work culture. The faculty for the programme included Mrs. Shailaja Deval, Prof. Ramesh K Arora, DT. Rajat Jain, Dr. Kiran Gupta, Prof. Anil Mehta, Mr. Abhishek Arora and Ms. Shreepriya. There were 39 participants who attended the programme. The sessions were rated mostly as excellent or very good.



One day workshop on Online Continuous Emission/ Effluent Monitoring System at Pali for 60 RSPCB Officers.



One day workshop on Online Continuous Emission/ Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) was conducted at Pali for 60 RSPCB Officers. Facilitators from Central Pollution Control Board and leading technology providers were invited to share experiences and recent technology interventions to the Board officials.

Stakeholder meetings and workshops at Head Office, Jaipur

Stakeholder meetings were conducted for cement sector, Mines, Stone crusher, Mineral Grinding and Stone cutting units, textile sector Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) of Rajasthan under the chairmanship of the Chairperson, RSPCB on 17.02.2020 and 18.02.2020 at Head Office, RSPCB, Jaipur to discuss matters related to compliance of environmental laws by these sectors of Rajasthan. Various stakeholders and senior level officers attended the meetings. Issues related to these sectors were brought forward by various stakeholders for policy decision by Board. Chairperson, RSPCB directed all stakeholders to ensure compliance of the environmental laws.



- Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) between **Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB)** and **Centre For Science and Environment (CSE)** New Delhi, signed on March 2, 2020 for



“Knowledge Support And Capacity Building For Implementation Of Clean Air Action Plan For Non Attainment Cities Of Rajasthan And Their Airshed”

World Environment Day 2020 :

- On the occasion of World Environment Day, 2020, posters were released on 5th June, 2020 by Sh Pawan Kumar Goyal, Chairperson, RSPCB at Head Office, RSPCB, Jaipur. During a press conference organised on the occasion, the Chairperson showed his deep concerns that we as human beings should just not benefit from the Mother Nature but must also contribute towards her. The Chairperson added that we must work collectively towards conserving environmentally for a better future of the coming generations.



In addition to this, in order to create mass awareness RSPCB broadcasted jingles on all leading FM channels of Rajasthan from 4th–6th June, 2020 and broadcasted advertisement spots on leading television channels of Rajasthan from 5th–7th June, 2020.



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