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Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board had issued "Guidelines for O & M Agency for Operations & Maintenance of CETPs, for SPV and for the Member Units connected with the CETPs" in year 2016.

Subsequently, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Govt. of India has issued notification no. S.O. 3864(E), regarding Environment (Protection) Second Amendment Rules, 2024, on 09.09.2024. This Notification has come into force on 01.09.2025. The notification of MoEF & CC pertains to revised discharge norms for Common Effluent Treatment Plants and also specifies roles and responsibilities of State Governments or the State Board or the Committee, CETP operating agencies and member industries of CETPs.

That operating CETPs in the State are generally facing different O&M issues in CETPs & ZLD plants regarding quality of influent as well as feed of ZLD units. It has been observed that guidelines issued by the State Board in year 2016 as well as MoEF & CC notification dated 09.09.2024 do not contain any specific provision/SOP to address issues related with mechanical breakdown, reduction in operational capacity, preventive maintenance, technical failure etc. Therefore the CETPs/ZLD plants are facing operational constraints and operation of large number of member units are getting severely affected.

To streamline the operations of CETPs/ZLD plants, the State Board has decided to devise a mechanism for resolving such O&M issues on utmost priority, in line of the provisions of notification issued by MOEF & CC no. S.O. 3864(E) dated 09.09.2024.

Therefore, in the cases of aforesaid issues in any CETP/ZLD plant, the operator of CETP/ZLD plant/ SPV (responsible for operation of CETP) is required to intimate the Board adopting the procedure mentioned below:-

1. The operator of CETP/ZLD plant/ SPV (responsible for operation of CETP) having preventive maintenance/breakdown related issues, shall report to RSPCB supported with documentary evidence preferably vetted by IoR/expert agency.
2. The operator of CETP/ZLD plant/ SPV (responsible for operation of CETP) shall enclose legal undertaking mentioning:
 - a) Detail of O&M issue along with a short term maintenance plan with firm timelines obtained from the agency engaged for maintenance.
 - b) Action plan for reuse of treated effluent up to maximum possible extent and not to mix treated waste water with untreated sewage or storm water.
 - c) Commitment regarding compliance of discharge standards prescribed in notification no. S.O. 3864(E) dated 09.09.2024 issued by MOEF & CC.



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- d) Commitment to ensure uninterrupted operation of OCEMS having analysers for prescribed parameters i.e. pH, BOD, COD, TSS, Flow and PTZ camera and its connectivity with servers of RSPCB and CPCB, installed at the inlet and outlet of CETP.
 - e) Imposition of roster plan to reduce quantity of influent during maintenance period, if needed. (In case the issue may be addressed by reduction of influent quantity)
3. Guarantee money in form of demand draft amounting INR $(10,000/- \times N \times T)$ or 50,00,000/-, whichever is more, along with purchase order/work order, issued to agency engaged for maintenance, shall be attached with the request submitted by operator of CETP/ZLD plant/ SPV (responsible for operation of CETP). (N = Number of member units, T= Timeline in days/30).
 4. After receiving proposal/request of operator of CETP/ZLD plant/ SPV (responsible for operation of CETP), Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) of RSPCB shall technically evaluate the gravity of the issue, timelines submitted for execution and short term maintenance plan and submit its recommendations to Competent Authority within 03 days.
 5. On the basis of recommendation of the TEC, RSPCB may permit the CETP for required maintenance work and specify a time duration for completion of proposed work or maximum 3 months from the date of permission, whichever is less.
 6. During the maintenance period the operator of CETP/ZLD plant/ SPV (responsible for operation of CETP) shall strictly adhere with the discharge norms as prescribed in MoEF& CC notification no.S.O. 3864(E) dated 09.09.2024.
 7. The conditions of temporary permission issued by RSPCB for required maintenance work to any CETP/ZLD plant shall be considered as part and parcel of conditions of valid Consent to Operate issued to that CETP/ZLD plant, till validity period of temporary permission.
 8. The concerned Regional Officer of RSPCB shall keep strict vigil on the maintenance work and conduct minimum weekly sampling of CETP inlet and outlet. The RO shall also monitor inflow at CETP in order to ensure that inflow shall never exceeded the designed capacity.
 9. The concerned Regional Officer of RSPCB along with the SPV shall be responsible for ensuring calibration, uninterrupted operation and connectivity of OCEMS (analysers and PTZ) with servers of RSPCB and CPCB.
 10. The permission of RSPCB related with O&M issues shall always be subject to any order/judgment passed by Hon'ble Court/NGT and operator of CETP/ZLD plant/ SPV (responsible for operation of CETP) shall bound to ensure compliance of all such orders/judgments passed in this regard.
 11. In case of exceedance of prescribed discharge norms or conditions prescribed in the permission of RSPCB, the operator of CETP/ZLD plant/SPV (responsible for operation of CETP) shall be bound to stop intake of effluent forthwith, voluntarily and shall also direct all of its member units to stop operations immediately.



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12. RSPCB shall initiate punitive actions without giving any opportunity to be heard in case of failure of the operator of CETP/ZLD plant/SPV (responsible for operation of CETP) to comply with discharge norms or conditions prescribed in the permission of RSPCB. The details of punitive actions are as under:-
- a) The operator of CETP/ZLD plant/SPV (responsible for operation of CETP) shall be liable to pay Environmental Compensation (EC) amounting INR $(1,000/- \times N \times D)$ or 10,00,000/- whichever is more, per episode of exceedance of analysis results of treated water samples collected by the RSPCB. The amount of EC shall be deducted automatically from guarantee money deposited by the SPV, without giving any opportunity. (N = Number of member units, D= No. of Samples collected from outlet)
 - b) Suitable directions under provisions of Section 33A of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 shall be issued. These directions may include closure of all member units of CETP concerned and stoppage of effluent intake at CETP.
 - c) Penal action as per the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 shall be initiated against the office bearers of SPV.
 - d) In case, if discharge of untreated effluent/any bypass arrangement/any other grave non-compliance is found, the Consent to Operate along with temporary permission for maintenance shall be revoked immediately and Guarantee money deposited by SPV shall be forfeited.
13. This circular shall be treated null & void in case of issuance of any Order/Office Memorandum/ Notification/ Guidelines by MoEF & CC, CPCB or by the Government of India/Government of Rajasthan, in regards with preventive maintenance/breakdown in any CETP/ZLD plant, specifically.

This circular bears approval of Competent Authority.


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Member Secretary 

Copy to following for information & necessary action:-

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2. PS to Member Secretary, RSPCB, Jaipur.
3. CEE-I/CEE-II, RSPCB, Jaipur.
4. CSO/CAO, RSPCB, Jaipur.
5. All Group Incharges, RSPCB, Jaipur.
6. All Regional Officers, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board.
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8. Master file (Group CETP), Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, Jaipur.


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