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To,

**The Regional Officer
M.P. Pollution Control Board
Bhopal/Indore/Gwalior/Jabalpur/Mandideep/
Sagar/Chhindwara/Singrauli/Satna/ Shahdol
Guna/Dewas/Katni/ Dhar/Ujjain/Rewa**


Sub. : Compliance of Chemical Safety Regulations – reg.

Ref. : D.O. letter by Secretary MoEF&CC, GoI dated 18.01.2022 addressd to the CS, GoMP.

The regulatory framework to deal with the chemical accidents in industrial units is already in place and there is strong need to ensure that all the regulatory provisions are looked into and complied in true spirit to avert any possible chance of chemical mishap in the State.

The issues pertaining to isolated storage and import of hazardous chemicals need to be reviewed periodically and the target units should be pursued to undertake safety audit on regular basis, ensure emergency plans updation timely and take adequate steps to prevent chemical accidents and their impact on the people and the environemnt. The relevant notifications and guideline on management of isolated chemicals, chemical disasters, biological disasters, chemical safety, disaster management plan, safety guide etc. may be referred on ERC's website <https://erc.mp.gov.in>.

The compliance of provisions stated under the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules 1989 and Chemical Accidents (EPPR) Rules 1996 should be strictly ensured by the industries under jurisdiction of respective Regional offices and a periodic report be communicated to this office for review.


(A.A. Mishra)
Member Secretary

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Copy to :

1. The Unit Head, M.P. Pollution Control Board, Bhopal for information and compliance of chemical safety provisions in industrial units.


(A.A. Mishra)
Member Secretary

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CLIMATE CHANGE

D.O.No.11/14/2021-HSMD

मुख्य सचिव कार्यालय
CS/Gen-Co/... 545
Date 25/01/2022

18th January, 2022

Dear Chief Secretary,

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has put in place a regulatory framework to deal with chemical accidents in industrial units (covering isolated storage) through the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989 [MSIHC Rules, 1989] and Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules, 1996 [CAEPPR Rules, 1996].

2. Recently, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, in the matter of O.A. No. 60/2021 (related to the chemical accident at M/s UPL Limited, Bharuch, Gujarat on Feb-2021), had directed this Ministry and Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to prepare guidelines on the safety audit of chemical industries. Accordingly, the CPCB developed an 'Integrated Guidance Framework for Chemicals Safety in respect of Isolated Storage(s) and Industries covered under MSIHC Rules, 1989' which was duly taken on record by Hon'ble NGT. In compliance of directions to monitor the ground status on half-yearly basis, the Central Pollution Control Board has initiated follow-up action as per the framework.

3. It is vital that respective agencies that have been assigned key responsibilities, closely monitor the operations of industry w.r.t. safety and maintenance aspects so that accidents can be averted. Regular and periodic inspections of industrial and chemical sites, safety audits and sharing of information whenever there is non-compliance, are essential tasks that need to be focussed on.

4. You are requested to kindly issue necessary instructions to the concerned agencies / authorities accordingly. A copy of the framework is enclosed for ready reference.

PS (Environment)

Encl: as above.

Regards, VFA
CEC ERc
Regards
Yours sincerely,

[Leena Nandan]

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