



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/S. WEST BENGAL WASTE MANAGEMENT LTD. is the operator of the Common Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility situated at JL No 103, Mouza Purba Srikrishnapur, PO & PS Sutahata, Haldia, East Midnapore, Pin 721635;

AND WHEREAS, as per Rule 18(4) Hazardous Wastes(Management, Handling & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008,the operator of a facility is responsible for safe and environmentally sound operation of the Facility as per the guidelines issued by the Central Pollution Control Board from time to time;

AND WHEREAS, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) issued guidelines for the safe storage of Incinerable Hazardous Wastes in November, 2008 which includes specifications with regard to storage area, storage containers, spillage control measures and the methods for proper record keeping and its maintenance. The West Bengal Pollution Control Board(WBPCB) issued this guideline for safe storage of incinerable hazardous waste to M/s West Bengal Waste Management Ltd., the TSDF operator, vide letter no. 375/25(HW)-1506/2003(Pt-I) dated 05.12.2008 for implementing the same;

AND WHEREAS, the Central Pollution Control Board and the West Bengal Pollution Control Board jointly visited the Facility on 05.12.2008. The following observations were recorded regarding the safe storage of Incinerable Hazardous Wastes

- i) The storage shed for Incinerable Hazardous Wastes is totally full with wastes and these are stored haphazardly and unsystematically
- ii) No proper arrangement has been made for fire fighting, smoke alarms, fire hydrant etc. to combat the fire incidents which may take place at any moment in the storage area of incinerable wastes.

During the visit, it was observed that the unit failed to take care of the irregularities, as mentioned above.

AND WHEREAS, the Chairman, CPCB directed the State Board vide letter no. F.No. B-29016 (SC)/1/08/HWMD/9384 dated 22.01.2009 to issue direction to the TSDF operator for strictly following the guidelines referred above and to submit a time bound action plan for the implementation so as to put in place all the measures not later than 30th April 2009;

AND WHEREAS, the TSDF operator was called for a hearing on 24.02.2009 to assess the status of compliance addressing the sort comings as recorded earlier. During the hearing the operator of the facility prayed for more time to implement the guidelines of the Central Pollution Control Board for safe storage of Incinerable Hazardous Wastes. The State Board directed the facility operator to submit a time bound action plan to comply with the guideline issued by the CPCB for safe storage of incinerable wastes;

AND WHEREAS, the TSDF operator submitted the time bound action plan for the total compliance of the guidelines of CPCB by December 2009. In the said action plan is mentioned that the majority of the control measures for safe storage of incinerable hazardous wastes will be completed by June 2009 whereas the installation of fire hydrant, will be completed by December 2009;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration with the original guideline of CPCB and prayer of the facility operator, the operator is here by directed to ensure the total compliance of the direction as mentioned earlier by 31st June 2009. The facility operator is also imposed a Bank Guarantee (proforma enclosed) of RS.5.00 Lacs (Rupees Five Lacs only) for ensuring the compliance of the CPCB guideline within stipulated time period. This Bank Guarantee should be submitted within 10th April, 2009. In case of noncompliance of the above direction within the stipulated time, the Board will have to take stricter regulatory action including forfeiture of Bank Guarantee amount.

This direction is issued in exercise of the Power conferred under Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling & Transboundary) Rules, 2008 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 after being approved by the Competent Authority.

Order

Sd/-

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