MEMO NO.: 1804  2S(HW)-1071/2001    DATE: 01/10/2010

DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. D’ TAPINAL CHEMICALS PVT. LTD. (hereinafter referred to as the industry) is engaged in coal tar distillation at Kada Road, P.S. Faridpur, Durgapur – 713 203, Dist.-Burdwan.

AND WHEREAS, an inspection of the industry was conducted on 21/06/2010 by the officials of WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board). The industry was not in operation during inspection and it was observed that coal tar is stored in three tanks (2 x 30 T & 1 x 12 T).

AND WHEREAS, the following non-compliance were observed during inspection:

1. Condensed water is taken via pipelines into two concrete tanks. One of the tanks which contained reddish condensate is also simultaneously used to store tarry waste in bags on flattened MS drums placed on the rim of the tank. In view of the presence of coloured condensate, the construction of an ETP might be considered.
2. The representatives of the industry informed that muddy tarry waste is taken out from the bottom of the coal tar storage tanks which is then filtered and the oil/tar recovered as much as possible and the remainder (i.e. muddy waste which is not recoverable) is bagged.
3. There is no designated area for storage of hazardous waste and wastes in drums and bags were observed dispersed all across the area increasing the chances of groundwater contamination. The industry needs to designate area for storage of hazardous wastes and products for easy identification.
4. Display boards have been installed outside the main gate which didnot contain updated environmental information.
5. The industry maintains records of generation of “Tar Spillage” which are said to be stored in drums and claims that the same is reused. Records of generation of muddy tarry waste stored in bags however could not be shown.
6. The industry has taken membership of the CHWTSDF at Haldia in November 2009. As per records available, the industry is yet to dispose waste to the facility at Haldia.
7. Wastes inclusive of empty jute bags and drums which are dumped in the open are to be kept in designated and environmentally safe areas.
8. Housekeeping was extremely bad.

AND WHEREAS during earlier inspection of the industry on 25/04/2007 also similar non-compliance was observed.

AND WHEREAS, the industry was called for a technical hearing on 30/07/2010 at the head office of the Board due to the gross violations of environmental norms and statutes as recorded above.
AND WHEREAS, the General Manager of the industry appearing in the hearing submitted that they have already taken pro-active measures for compliance after inspection by the Board officials and presently they are complying with the environmental norms.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the violations recorded above and the submission made by the industry, M/s. D’ Tapinal Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. is hereby directed to submit a detailed ‘action taken report’ within fifteen (15) days hereof against all the non-compliance as recorded above. The action taken report shall include the names of the purchasers of hazardous wastes (oil / tar) generated by the industry, which are being presently sold outside.

The Environmental Engineer, Durgapur Regional Office of the Board is requested to conduct an inspection to verify the compliance status of the industry after submission of the action taken report.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder especially provisions of the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008 as amended, after being approved by the competent authority.

By Order,

Sd/-
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West Bengal Pollution Control Board