

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD**

No. 2015/EnHM/15/01

New Delhi, dated 16.04.2018

**General Managers,
All Zonal Railways**

SUB: Pollution at Railway Sidings and Goods Sheds

A Committee of ED/EnHM/ME/RB and CCM/Catering/NR was nominated vide Railway Board's Order No. ERB-I/2016/23/19, dated 08.04.2016 and 16.01.2017/08.08.2017 to Study and submit Report on the extent of pollution in handling of pollution intensive commodities at Sidings and Goods Sheds and actions to be taken.

Based on recommendations of the Committee accepted by Board (MRS & MT) following directions are issued :

1. Keeping in view the statutory / legislative provisions

- a) Wherever new siding/goods shed/Private freight Terminal/ any loading / unloading point is being developed / constructed, 'Consent to Establish' should be taken from State Pollution Control Board by the owner or the railway as the case may be in accordance with the provisions of State Pollution Control Board, keeping in view the notified areas / air pollution control areas and categorisation of Industrial Sectors.
- b) Wherever the sidings are existing, 'Consent to Operate' / 'Consent for Operation' should be obtained from State Pollution Control Board by either owner or by the railway as the case may be in accordance with the provisions of State Pollution Control Board, keeping in view the notified areas / air pollution control areas and categorisation of Industrial Sectors.
- c) Zonal Railways must be aware of Air Pollution Control Areas notified by respective SPCBs and ensure compliance to applicable environmental legislations. Necessary clause may be incorporated in agreements of sidings. For railway owned sidings and goods sheds, the responsibility lies directly with the Railways.
- d) In addition to air pollution, water pollution and noise pollution should also be taken care of depending upon the extent of pollution and environmental impact for specific commodities and locations.