



ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪ੍ਰਦੂਸ਼ਣ ਕੰਟਰੋਲ ਬੋਰਡ PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

No: SEE(HQ-2)/F.no.10/2026/14807-825
To

Dated. 09/07/2026

The Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Regional Office, Patiala/Ludhiana- 1/2/3/4/Batala/
Sangrur/Jalandhar-1/2/Amritsar/Hoshiarpur/
SAS-Nagar/ Roopnagar/ Bathinda/Fatehgarh Sahib/
Moga/ Faridkot/ Mukatsar Sahib/ Tarn-Taran Sahib.

Subject: Directions under section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding harmonization of classification of industrial sectors based on Pollution Index-Waste Battery Collection Centres.

Please refer to letter no. SEE(HQ-2)/F.No.10/2025/10336-54 dated 19.03.2025, no. 11788-806 dated 28.03.2025 and no. 37739-65 dated 11.11.2025 vide which the CPCB directions dated 12.02.2025, 25.03.2025 and MoEF&CC Notifications G.S.R. 761(E) and G.S.R. 762(E) both dated 17.10.2025 regarding harmonization of classification of industrial sectors under Red, Orange, Green, White and Blue categories were circulated for information and adoption/ implementation in supersession of earlier classification of industrial sectors. Further, PPCB vide letter no. 38985-39013 dated 24.11.2025 and no. 38869-96 dated 24.11.2025 classified certain left-out sectors under Red, Orange, Green and White category.

Earlier, CPCB vide directions dated 16.12.2025 issued classification of Charcoal Manufacturing units, which have been circulated to all concerned vide letter no. 1557-66 dated 22.01.2026.

Now, CPCB vide letter no. CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO dated 11.06.2026 has issued directions under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, regarding classification of Waste Battery Collection Centres under Green category for adoption and implementation in the State.

A copy of the directions dated 11.06.2026 is forwarded herewith for adoption and implementation.

DA/ as above


Member Secretary
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PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Endst. No. SEE(HQ-2)/2026/...14826

Dated...09/07/2026

A copy of the above is forwarded to the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Chandigarh for information, please.
DA/ as above

Endst. No. SEE(HQ-2)/2026/...14827-29

o/c Member Secretary
Dated...09/07/2026

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action, please:

1. The Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Bureau of Investment Promotion, Sector-26, Chandigarh.
 2. The Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Punjab, Sector-26, Chandigarh.
 3. The Director, Department of Industries and Commerce, Udyog Bhawan, Chandigarh.
- DA/ as above

Endst. No. SEE(HQ-2)/2026/...14830-33

o/c Member Secretary
Dated...09/07/2026

A copy of above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

1. The Chief Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala/ Ludhiana/ Jalandhar/ Bathinda/ HQ/ PBIP.
2. The Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, HQ-I/II/III, Zonal Office, Patiala-I/II, Ludhiana-I/II, Jalandhar, Amritsar and Bathinda.
3. The Senior Law Officer/ Administrative Officer/ Deputy Controller (F&A), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
4. The Environmental Engineer (Computer), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala to make necessary modifications in online Portals and uploading on website of the Board.

DA/ as above

Endst. No. SEE(HQ-2)/202/...14834

o/c Member Secretary
Dated...09/07/2026

A copy of the above is forwarded to the Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi to construed it as action taken report in the matter, please.

DA/ As above

o/c Member Secretary



केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड
CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार,
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE, GOVT. OF INDIA.

CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO

Date: 11.06.2026

To

The Chairman,
State Pollution Control Board/Pollution Control Committee
(As per the list)

Sub: Directions under section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding classification of sectors based on Pollution Index.

WHEREAS, under section 16 (2)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under Section 16 (2)(c) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), constituted under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, is to coordinate activities of the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs); and

WHEREAS, under section 16 (2)(c) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under Section 16 (2)(d) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of the CPCB is to provide technical assistance and guidance to SPCBs and PCCs; and

WHEREAS, CPCB has classified a total of 419 sectors into Red (125), Orange (137), Green (94), White (54) and Blue (9) category, by following a revised methodology based on PI index by assigning equal weightage to scores arising due to Water, Air and Hazardous waste, hereafter referred as Classification-2025. In this revised Classification, a new Blue Category has also been introduced to distinguish the Essential Environmental Services required for management of environmental concerns arising from anthropogenic pollution due to domestic/household activities which otherwise will have large littering potential. CPCB, vide letter no. CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO dated 12.02.2025, issued directions to all SPCBs/PCCs for adoption and implementation of Classification-2025; and

WHEREAS, CPCB revised the Classification of Compressed Biogas (CBG/Bio-CNG) plants, vide letter no. CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO dated 25.03.2025, and directed SPCBs/PCCs to implement the same; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter no. CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO dated 16.10.2025, issued Corrigendum to Directions dated 12.02.2025 to all SPCBs/PCCs, empowering them to Classify new/left out sectors under Red, Orange, Green and White category; and

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Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi - 110 032.

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WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) vide Notifications no. G.S.R. 761 (E) and G.S.R. 762 (E), dated 17.10.2025 notified list of 86 sectors categorized under White Category which are exempted from CTE/CTO requirements, under the Water Act, 1974 and the Air Act, 1974; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter no. CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO dated 16.12.2025, issued directions to all SPCBs/PCCs for adoption and implementation of Classification of Charcoal Manufacturing units; and

WHEREAS, Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022 were notified by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 22.08.2022. As per these Rules, Producers have the obligation of EPR Targets for the Battery that they introduce in the market to ensure the attainment of the recycling obligations. In this EPR framework, the Waste Battery Collection Centres have crucial role in supply chain management, and requires classification based on its pollution potential; and

WHEREAS, the CPCB's Committee on Classification of Sectors held meeting on 18.02.2025 and 13.05.2026, wherein the Committee deliberated on the pollution potential and classification of Waste Battery Collection Centres, and has categorized it under green category. The details of the said classification is given at **Annexure-I**.

NOW THEREFORE, in the exercise of the powers delegated under section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and section 18(1)(b) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution), Act, 1981, all SPCBs and PCCs are directed to adopt and implement the Classification of the Waste Battery Collection Centres with immediate effect.

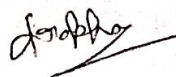

(Bharat Kumar Sharma)
Member Secretary

Encl. As above.

Copy to:

- 1 The Joint Secretary (CP Division) : For kind information, please
Ministry of Environment, Forests and
Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi - 110 003
- 2 The Regional Director, CPCB : To follow-up with SPCBs/PCCs for
(As per the list) compliance of directions, please
- 3 The DH, WM-I, CPCB : For information, please
- 4 The DH, IT, CPCB : To upload a copy of Directions on CPCB
website, please.


(Bharat Kumar Sharma)



Details of Classification of Sectors

S. No.	Industrial Sector	W1	W2	W3	Pl _w	A1	A2	A3	Pl _A	H1	H2	Pl _H	P1	Category	Remarks
220	Waste Battery Collection Centres	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25	30	10	40	47.5	Green	Such units should follow "Guidelines for Collection, Handling, Storage, and Transportation of Waste Batteries", issued by CP CB from time to time.