

BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL SOUTHERN
ZONE AT CHENNAI

Original Application No. 107 of 2022

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M/s. Achariya Siksha Mandir

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**REPLY AFFIDAVIT FILED ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL
POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, RESPONDENT No. 1**

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

I, Smt. H. D. Varalaxmi, D/o Shri H.S. Devaiah, Hindu, aged about 52 years, having office at the Regional Directorate – Chennai, Central Pollution Control Board, 2nd Floor, 77-A, Ambattur Industrial Estate, Chennai – 600058, do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state on oath as follows: -

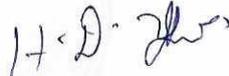
1. I am presently working as the Regional Director, Regional Directorate (Chennai), Central Pollution Control Board, the 1st Respondent herein. I am fully conversant with the facts of the case and have been authorized to file the present affidavit on behalf of the Respondent No. 1.



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2. It is submitted that, the petition relates to the issuance of NOC to the 3rd Respondent, M/s BPCL for setting up a Retail Outlet in R.S.No. 84/2/X and 84/2W/1/B Thavalakuppam village Pondicherry taluk belonging to the 7th Respondent in violation of siting criteria prescribed under CPCB guidelines.
3. It is submitted that, CPCB has framed the guidelines for setting up of new petrol pumps under the guidance of the Expert Committee in compliance of orders of Hon'ble NGT and were circulated on 07.01.2020 to State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) including Puducherry Pollution Control Committee i.e. Respondent No. 2, for ensuring implementation by the concerned stakeholders.
4. It is submitted that, as per CPCB guidelines dated 07.01.2020 for setting up of new petrol pumps, new retail outlet shall not be located within the radial distance of 50 meters (from fill point/ dispensing units/ vent pipe whichever is nearest) from schools, hospitals (10 beds and above) and residential area designated as per local laws. In case of constraints in providing 50 meters distance, the retail outlet shall implement additional




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safety measures as prescribed Petroleum Explosive Safety Organization (PESO). In no case the distance between new retail outlet from school, hospitals (10 beds and above) and residential area designated as per local laws shall be less than 30 meters. The copy of the CPCB guidelines dated 07.01.2020 for setting up new petrol pumps is annexed herewith and marked as **Annexure R1-1**.

5. It is submitted that, any petrol pump set up after 07.01.2020 shall meet the said siting criteria as also clarified through Central Pollution Control Board's Office Memorandum dated 29.01.2021. The said criteria will not apply to those cases where the PESO'S prior clearance/initial approval has been obtained and subsequently construction has been started by Oil Marketing Company before 07.01.2020. Further, it is submitted that the matter of implementation of siting criteria is to be dealt by the Concerned State Government agency/SPCBs/PCCs.



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PRAYER

In view of the above, it is respectfully prayed that this Answering Respondent No. 1, the Central Pollution Control Board, shall be abide by any order/direction passed by this Tribunal.



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VERIFICATION

It is verified that the content of this Affidavit is based on official record and information available in the office are true and correct. Nothing has been concealed therein.

Signed and verified on this 1st day of November, 2022 at Chennai



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COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT No. 1





B-13011/1/2019-20/AQM

August 16, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Addendum to the Guidelines for Setting Up of New Petrol Pumps issued on January 07, 2020 -regarding.

CPCB in compliance of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal order dated January 18, 2019 in O.A. No. 86/2019: Gyanprakash @ Pappu Singh Vs UoI & Ors. issued guidelines for Setting Up of New Petrol Pumps vide O.M. No. B-13011/1/2019-20/AQM/10809 dated January 07, 2020.

Hon'ble NGT vide further orders dated 23.07.2020 and 09.10.2020, in the matter of Suresh Mandaloi Vs. State of M.P & Ors. (O.A. No. 61 of 2019 (CZ)), directed MoEF&CC and CPCB to submit a report with regard to the minimum distance from water bodies to the petrol pump.

The matter was referred to the Expert Committee and the draft guidelines for implementation in case of petrol pumps near water bodies were prepared. The guidelines also specify the groundwater and soil sampling protocol, frequency of sample collection and the prescribed parameters and screening values to be adopted. The same monitoring protocol and parameters/ values (except for monitoring frequency) need to be adopted for petrol pumps covered under the guidelines dated January 07, 2020.

These draft guidelines were placed in public domain for seeking comments/suggestions from public and concerned stakeholders. These were reviewed by the Expert Committee and the guidelines have been finalised and are hereby issued as addendum to the earlier CPCB Guidelines dated January 07, 2020 for implementation by concerned stakeholders.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(P.K. Gupta)

Additional Director & Divisional Head
AQM Div.

Encl.: As Above**To**

1. All SPCBs/ PCCs
(As per list enclosed)

with a request to circulate to Commissioner of civil supplies or other similar authorities who look after issues related to petrol pumps at State/ UT level and District Collectors/ Commissioners /Deputy Commissioners.

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ADDENDUM TO GUIDELINES FOR SETTING UP OF NEW PETROL PUMPS

The Hon'ble NGT vide orders dated 23.07.2020 and 09.10.2020, in the matter of Suresh Mandaloi Vs. State of M. P. & Ors. (O.A. No. 61 of 2019 (CZ)), directed MoEF&CC and CPCB to submit a report with regard to the minimum distance from water bodies to the petrol pump.

The matter was subsequently referred to the Expert Committee constituted by CPCB earlier in the matter of guidelines for setting up of new petrol pumps and the following addendum guidelines (to guidelines dated 07.01.2020) have been finalised for implementation in case of petrol pumps near water bodies:

- a) All the surface water bodies irrespective of utility shall be protected from any possible contamination. These include lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetlands, canals and creeks, as per revenue records. Retail Outlets shall not be located within a distance of 50 meters from the nearest point of water bodies. In case of streams and rivers, the distance shall be considered from floodway. In case floodway is not defined, the distance shall be considered from firm banks/ edge of river. The siting criterion is to be implemented for all new petrol pumps where construction by OMCs starts post the issuance of these guidelines.
- b) Retail outlets coming within 50 meter to 100 meter from the nearest point of surface water body shall have secondary containment by way of double walled tanks or concrete protection walls around Underground Storage Tank (UST).
- c) Groundwater and soil quality monitoring near the premises of fuel retail outlets shall be conducted by OMCs once a year through E (P) Act, 1986 approved labs or labs with national/international accreditation. The monitoring shall be done for those Fuel Retail Outlets which are located within 100 meter from the nearest point of surface water bodies. These shall be applicable to all petrol pumps, regardless of the date of establishment. In case of any clarification and/or difficulty in obtaining samples for groundwater and soil quality monitoring, OMCs may seek

assistance of local administration/SPCB/PCC/CGWB. Protocol for soil and groundwater monitoring is annexed as Annexure-I.

- d) Groundwater and soil quality monitoring shall also be conducted by OMCs before installation of the new fuel retail outlet, for those retail outlets coming up within 100 meter from the nearest point of surface water bodies.

NOTE: These guidelines are supplementary to all existing relevant Rules, Guidelines, Orders, Notifications such as Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017, Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 2011 etc. The other measures, prescribed in CPCB guidelines for setting up of new petrol pumps dated 07.01.2020, for containment and treatment of spillages, check on leakages from USTs, treatment and disposal of sludge removed from underground tanks during cleaning, measures for protection of workers' health, audit of all protection measures and monitoring system implemented at petrol pumps, shall also apply to the fuel retail outlets falling in the criteria specified above.

Monitoring protocol specifying the prescribed parameters and screening values annexed with these guidelines (other than the monitoring frequency), shall also be adopted for those retail outlets where CPCB guidelines dated 07.01.2020 are applicable.

These guidelines shall be reviewed from time to time.

Annexure-I**Protocol for monitoring quality of soil and groundwater near the premises of fuel retail outlets**

Samples of groundwater being used for drinking purposes shall be collected from at least three different directions with reference to the retail outlet. The sampling point should be preferably within 50m distance from the underground storage tank location at the retail outlet.

The samples shall be analysed for the following parameters:

Table 1.

Sr. No.	Parameter	Screening Values
1.	Total petroleum hydrocarbons (C ₁₀ -C ₄₀)	0.6mg/L
2.	BTEX	i. Benzene- 0.01mg/L ii. Toluene- 0.7mg/L iii. Xylene- 0.5mg/L
3.	Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether	13µg/l
4.	Total PAH	0.0001mg/l

Further, soil sample shall be collected from a borehole within the premises of the fuel retail outlet adjacent to the Underground Storage Tank (UST) pit. The depth of bore hole should be up to 1m below the bottom of the storage tank level. Soil samples shall be analysed for the following parameters:

Table 2.

Sr. No.	Parameter	Screening Values(mg/kg)
1.	Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH)	5000
2.	Benzene	5
3.	Toluene	30
4.	Xylene	50
5.	Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether	100
6.	Total PAH	40

Ground water and soil quality monitoring shall be conducted by OMCs once a year through E (P) Act, 1986 approved labs or labs with national/international accreditation and the reports are to be submitted to SPCB. The soil monitoring shall be done in first six months while groundwater monitoring shall be done in the next six months.

In case of exceedance of screening by any parameter, or in case of leakage resulting in soil/groundwater contamination, the measures/steps as prescribed in the guidelines for setting up of petrol pumps dated 07.01.2020 shall be taken up. Assessment and remediation shall be carried out as per the guidelines issued by MoEF&CC and CPCB.



CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

DELHI 110 032

January 07, 2020

B-13011/1/2019-20/AQM 10802-10847
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Guidelines for Setting Up of New Petrol Pumps in Compliance of Hon'ble NGT order dated January 18, 2019 in OA No. 86/2019: Gyanprakash@ Pappu Singh vs Gol & Ors -regarding.

Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, vide order dated January 18, 2019 in OA No. 86/2019: Gyanprakash@ Pappu Singh vs Gol & Ors directed Central Pollution Control Board and MoPNG to look into the issue of setting up of large number of petrol pumps in the country and directed that appropriate guidelines be issued by the Central Pollution Control Board in exercise of statutory power.

An Expert Committee comprising of members from IIT Kanpur, NEERI, IIP, TERI, MoPNG and CPCB was constituted to frame Guidelines for setting up of new Petrol Pumps including siting criteria and pollution prevention and control measures

The guidelines were placed in public domain and comments/suggestions/objections were invited from public and concern stakeholder and these were reviewed and guideline have been finalised.

The final Guidelines prepared by Expert Committee are hereby circulated for implementation by concerned stakeholders. These guidelines are hereby issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(V.K. Shukla)

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Encl.: As Above

To.

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2. PS to CCB

3. PS to MS

GUIDELINES FOR SETTING UP OF NEW PETROL PUMPS

A. Containment and treatment of spillages from fuel filling operations at petrol pumps:

1. Petrol pumps located in areas with high groundwater table i.e. groundwater levels less than 04 meters shall have secondary containment by way of double walled tanks or concrete protection walls so as to minimize groundwater and soil contamination. It shall be the responsibility of OMC to properly get measured groundwater level at the site of proposed petrol pump and ensure implementation of these adequate protection measures for such sites. Details of measures taken by Oil Marketing Company shall be placed in public domain and in case of contradictory view, view of State/ Central Ground Water Board/ Authority will prevail.
2. All new retail outlets shall have underground tanks/ above ground tank and its ancillary components such as pipes, flexible connectors, pumps, fittings etc. protected from leaks due to corrosion by adopting materials (HDPE/ Mild Steel etc.) with required protective coating, as applicable, duly approved by PESO.
3. Any major leakage/ spillage of Petrol, Diesel, Lube Oil (more than 1 barrel-165 litres) occurs at fueling station, concerned OMC shall report to State Pollution Control Board, PESO and District Administration under intimation to CPCB within 24 hours of occurrence.

Operation of concerned underground storage tank (UST) and its ancillary components shall be stopped immediately and not be resumed till corrective measures to contain and stop leakage/ spillages are implemented to the satisfaction of PESO and concerned SPCB.

OMCs will be held liable for Environmental Compensation (imposed by SPCBs/PCCs) and assessment of environmental damage (depending on extent of contamination in soil and groundwater) and site remediation. Consultant/ Expert agency appointed by OMCs for damage assessment and site remediation shall have minimum national/ international experience of 5 years in this field. Various approved methods shall be considered for cleaning underground contaminants.

4. All DUs shall have Auto Cut off Nozzles which shuts dispensation of fuel if its level in customer fuel tank reaches full capacity.
5. Breakaways to be installed for all the hoses of dispensing units to reduce spillage in the event of customer vehicles moves away with nozzle still in the fueling position.

6. Single/ double plane swivel with breakaway coupling shall be installed for all the dispensing units for better positioning of nozzle while refueling so that it does not fall off accidentally.
 7. In pressurized dispensation, all dispensing units shall be installed with shear valves to cut the fuel flow from pipe line immediately upon accidental knocking of dispensing units from its position.
 8. In pressurized system all Submersible Turbine Pumps (STPs) are to installed with line leak detectors and in the event of pipeline leaks STPs shall stop pumping fuel from underground tanks.
 9. Emergency stop button switch shall be provided on the Multi-Product Dispenser (MPD) to stop the dispensation in case of emergency.
 10. Automation system shall be installed at all new retail outlets to alert in case of tank leak by way of auto gauging system approved by PESO.
 11. All Retail Outlets shall provide overfill alarm through automation.
 12. Measures for spill containment in fill point chambers and forecourt area shall be implemented as prescribed by PESO.
- B. Check on leakages (Leakage Detection System) from underground storage tanks so as to prevent groundwater and soil contamination:**
1. All new retail outlets will have automation system installed which will provide reports on volume balance after every day operation and records shall be maintained.
 2. Manual gauging shall be done once in a month and compare the same with Automatic Tank Gauging for accuracy.
 3. Daily MS and HSD loss shall not exceed MoPNG prescribed limits. In case of leakage beyond such limits, matter shall be got analyzed by OMCs and further action shall be taken for ascertaining the reasons of losses. In case of leakage resulting in soil / groundwater contamination:
 - a. Concerned OMC shall report to State Pollution Control Board, PESO and District Administration under intimation to CPCB within 24 hours of occurrence. Operation of such underground storage tank (UST) and its ancillary components shall be stopped immediately.
 - b. Fuel shall be removed immediately from underground storage tank to prevent further release to environment. Measures to prevent explosion due to vapors released due to leakage as recommended by PESO shall be implemented immediately.

- c. OMCs will be held liable for Environmental Compensation (imposed by SPCBs/PCCs) and assessment of environmental damage (depending on extent of contamination in soil and groundwater) and site remediation. Consultant/ Expert agency appointed by OMCs for damage assessment and site remediation shall have minimum national/ international experience of 05 years in this field. Various approved methods shall be considered for cleaning underground contaminants.
 - d. Operation of Underground tank and its ancillary components shall not be resumed till corrective measures to contain and stop leakages are implemented to the satisfaction of PESO and concerned SPCB.
4. All underground tanks and pipelines shall be subjected to test for leaks every 7 years.

C. Policy towards Treatment and disposal of sludge removed from underground tanks during cleaning:

Sludge shall be collected, stored and disposed as per Rule 8 of Hazardous Waste (Management and Transboundary) Rules, 2016 and amendments thereof and records shall be maintained.

D. Installation, Operation and maintenance of Vapour Recovery System:

1. All **new retail** outlets set up with sale potential of 300KL MS per month and setting up in cities with population more than 1 lakh will be provided with VRS. VRS should be functional by the time of sale of MS touch 300 KL. In case of failure of installation of VRS, Environment Compensation will be levied by SPCBs/ PCCs equivalent to the cost of VRS and this will further increase proportionate to the period of non-compliance.
2. Any **new retail** outlet set up in cities having population more than 10 lakh and having sale potential of 100 KL MS per month will be provided with VRS. VRS should be installed within a period 03 months from the day of sale of MS touch 100 KL. In case of failure of installation of VRS, Environment Compensation will be levied by SPCBs/ PCCs equivalent to the cost of VRS and this will further increase proportionate to the period of non-compliance.
3. In case of Stage II VRS, nozzle shall be provided with flexible cover flap or other alternative system for proper covering of filling tank and therefore proper recovery of vapors.
4. OMCs are responsible for maintaining installed VRS. They have to maintain periodic inspections for A/L regulator as prescribed by Legal Metrology. Proper record shall be maintained.

5. Working of dispenser shall be interlinked with VRS functioning. Online system shall be developed within 06 months to monitor status of operation of VRS. In case of non-operation of VRS, the same shall be automatically reported to concerned OMC. VRS shall be brought into operation immediately within 24 hrs and in any case within 72 hrs failing which sale of MS shall be stopped from the fueling station. Proper records of operation of VRS shall be maintained.
6. Work zone monitoring for Total VOC and Benzene shall be conducted by OMCs for petrol pumps selling more than 300 KL/ month and more than 10 lakh population (in first phase) by E(P)Act, 1986 approved labs once in a year to check compliance with OSHA norms (Time-Weighted Average) and report shall be submitted to SPCB. In addition, pilot study shall be conducted by OMCs through expert institutions for online monitoring of VOCs.
- E. Ground water and soil quality monitoring within petrol pump selling more than 300 KL/ month and more than 10 lakh population shall be conducted by OMCs once in two years through E(P)Act, 1986 approved labs for the following parameters from the nearest source and report submitted to SPCB:

Permissible Limit

Sr.No.	Parameter	Permissible Limit
1.	Total petroleum hydrocarbons	600µg/l
2.	BTEX	i. Benzene- 950µg/l ii. Toluene- 300µg/l iii. Xylenes- a. o-xylene- 350µg/l b. m & p- xylene- 200µg/l
3.	Ethanol	1400 µg/l
4.	Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether	13µg/l
5.	PAH	0.0001µg/l

Enforcement agencies including SPCB can collect samples in and around petrol pump to check contamination.

F. Measures for protection of Worker's Health

1. All workers engaged at retail outlets may be covered under ESI. OMC dealers shall implement the personal protective equipment (PPE) as per labor laws.
2. IEC (Information Education Communication) activities should be organized by OMC dealers for workers at regular intervals in order to sensitize them about harmful impacts of VOC emissions.

G. Audit of all protection measures and monitoring system implemented at petrol pumps:

PESO shall conduct audit of tanks and fuel equipment including pipes, overfill protection equipment and alarm system on annual basis and maintain records.

H. Siting criteria of Retail Outlets:

In case of siting criteria for petrol pumps new Retail Outlets shall not be located within a radial distance of 50 meters (from fill point/ dispensing units/ vent pipe whichever is nearest) from schools, hospitals (10 beds and above) and residential areas designated as per local laws. In case of constraints in providing 50 meters distance, the retail outlet shall implement additional safety measures as prescribed by PESO. In no case the distance between new retail outlet from schools, hospitals (10 beds and above) and residential area designated as per local laws shall be less than 30 meters. No high tension line shall pass over the retail outlet.

These guidelines are supplementary to all existing relevant Rules, Guidelines, Orders etc.