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**Sub: APPCB – CFE – Delegation of powers to ROs for issue of CFE / CFO & HWA orders – Instructions issued – Reg.**

**Ref: 1) Resolution no. 37/2015 of 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting held on 04.11.2015.**

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You are aware that the Investors / Entrepreneurs are required to obtain Consent for Establishment (CFE) & Consent for Operation (CFO) of the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB), Hazardous Waste Authorisation (HWA) for establishing and operating their units as required under the provisions of various pollution control Acts.

The Board vide Resolution No: 1230 had resolved to constitute five Zonal Offices. The Government vide Lr. dt. 05.07.1999 accorded permission to constitute the Zonal Offices. Accordingly, the Zonal Offices were constituted in the month of January, 2000 and delegated/decentralized certain powers for issue of CFE and CFO&HWA among Head Office, Zonal Offices and Regional Offices for speedy disposal of applications.

Subsequently, the Board delegated/decentralised certain powers for issue of CFE and CFO&HWA among Head Office, Zonal Offices and Regional Offices as per Board Resolution Nos.1302, 1350, and 1558. Present delegation of powers is summarized as mentioned below:

S. No.	Category	Investment in Rs.	Delegation of powers to issue/rejection CFE and CFO&HWA applications
I	a. Environmental Clearance (EC) cases	≥ 5 Crores	Head Office
	b. All Bulk drugs, intermediates & fine chemical industries, Change of Product Mix, Sponge Iron industries	Irrespective of investment	
II	a. Environmental Clearance (EC) case (except the cases for which powers are vested with HO)	< 5 Crores	Zonal Office
	b. All Red category cases (Excluding cases at S.No.s Ia & Ib)	Irrespective of investment	
	c. Orange Category	≥ 1 Crore	
III	a. Orange Category	< 1 Crore	Regional Office
	b. All Green category	Irrespective of investment	

All the applications are to be placed in the respective empowered Committees existing at different tiers i.e., HO / ZO / RO for taking appropriate decisions. CFE and CFO & HWA orders / rejection orders are drafted as per the minutes of the empowered Committees and communicated to the applicant by the HO / ZO /RO as per above delegated powers. Final decision on applications (including those reviewed in Committees at ZO/RO) recommended for rejection is decided by the Head Office.

Now, the Board in its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 04.11.2015, vide Resolution no: 37/2015 delegated powers to the Regional Officers for drafting of CFE and CFO & HWA orders / rejection orders of all the applications including those reviewed at ZO and HO and communicate the orders by the RO to the industries as per the decisions taken in the respective CFE / CFO empowered Committees of Zonal Offices and Head Office. The Board has also resolved to review the delegation of powers after six months.

You are all aware that the State of Andhra Pradesh secured second rank in our Country in "ease of doing business." In continuation of that, the Industries and Commerce (IP) Department, A.P. Secretariat recently vide Ir. dt. 02.11.2015 had communicated DIPP Business Reform Action Plan 2016 for States and UTs regarding Ease of Doing Business. The main items in the Action Plan are the time schedule for clearance of the proposals, uploading of the approved orders with the digital signatures for easy downloading by the applicants as well as the public to ensure transparency.

This issue was discussed in the weekly meeting with the Chairman, APPCB. It was decided to comply with the DIPP's approach so as to retain our rank in the Country in Ease of Doing Business, in future also. It was also decided to retain the powers delegated to HO / ZO / RO with regard to issue of CFE / CFO & HWM orders as mentioned above to save time and to increase the transparency in processing the proposals.

In view of the above, all officers are directed to exercise the powers delegated to HO / ZO / RO with regard to draft and issue of CFE / CFO & HWM orders as mentioned in the above table and upload the approved orders at all the three levels i.e. RO/ZO/HO in the Single Desk System and in the proposed OCMM System.

This has the approval of the Chairman.

Sd/-

**MEMBER SECRETARY**

To

All the Zonal Officers & Regional Officers, APPCB.

Cc: The UH-1, UH-2, UH-3 & UH-4, Head Office APPCB for information.

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